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"He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."—St. Mark x. 16.

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WHAT THEY TEACH US

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FROM OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS
WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS

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PREFACE.

PICTURES are the delight of everyone, and impressions are sometimes received from them that are never afterward wholly effaced. We often hear persons in mature life say, "How well I remember the pictures in such a book that I used to pore over in the home of my childhood!"

A series of four hundred scenes from the Bible will be found in this volume. A short explanation accompanies each one. In preparing these the writer has endeavored to make them simple enough for little children to understand, and at the same time instructive and interesting to those of riper years.

By this means a familiarity with Bible names and incidents may be acquired with much greater ease than from even the Bible itself. It is hoped also, by observing in the accounts given how good is rewarded and evil punished, that the youthful mind may be trained to look up to God as noticing and recompensing our every action and overruling all things.

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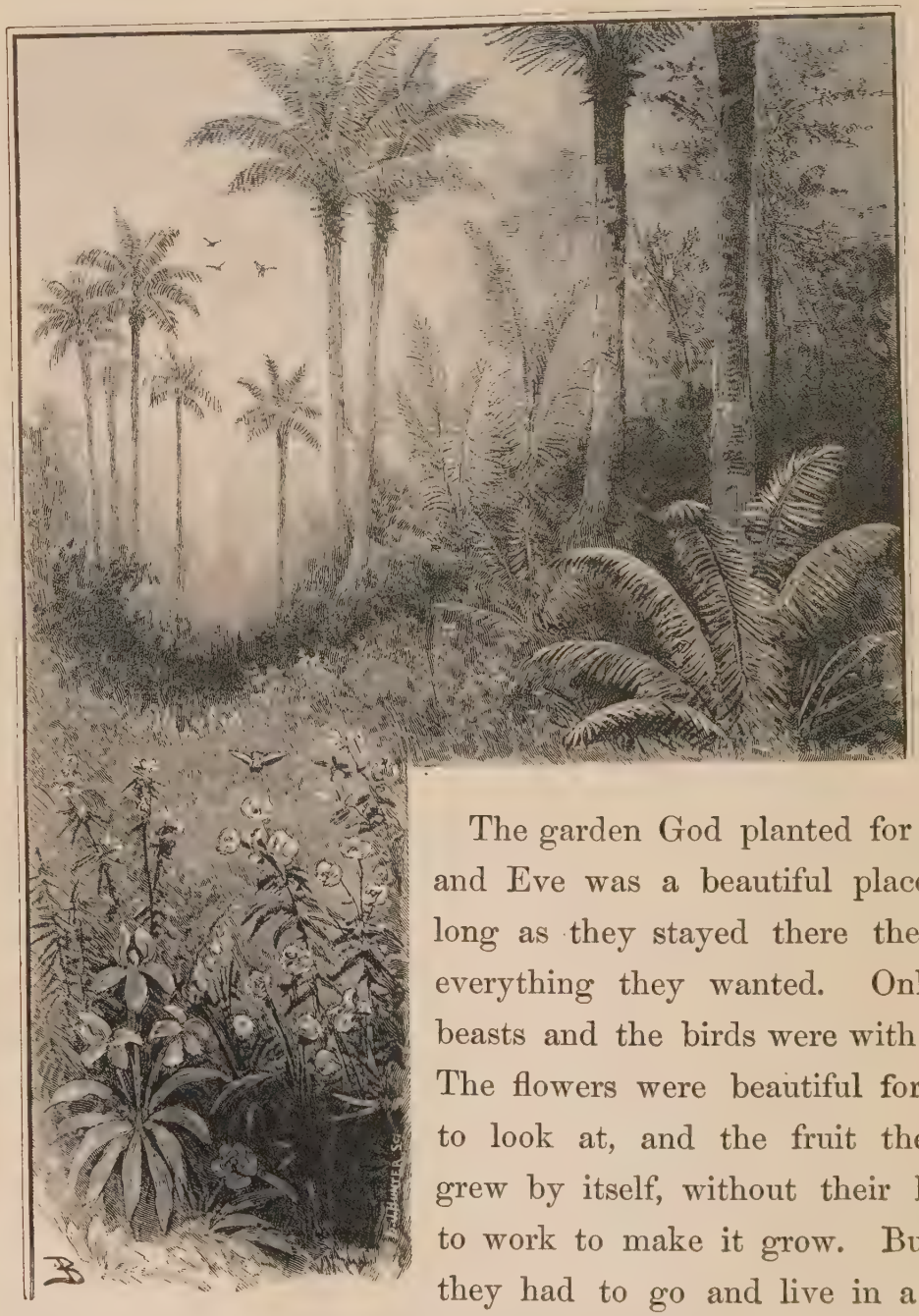
THE OLD TESTAMENT.

THIS is a picture of the garden of Eden. A man and a woman are in the garden. The man's name is Adam, and the woman's name is Eve. They are the first man and woman that God has made. There are no other persons in the world except them. And God has made this beautiful garden for them to live in. Adam and Eve may eat of every kind of fruit except one. But of that one God says they must not eat.

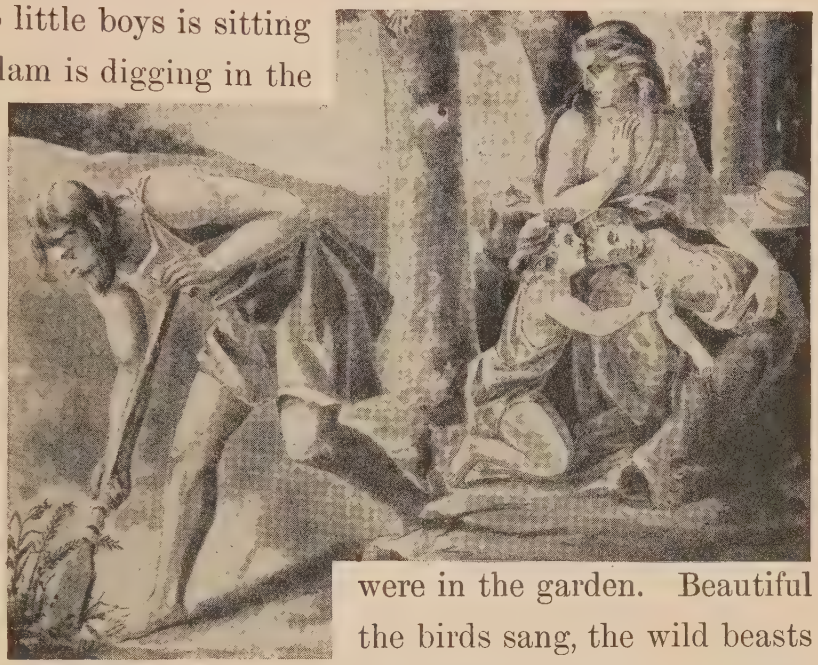
Adam and Eve are under the tree. The tree has fruit growing on it. This is the fruit they must not eat. A serpent is in the tree. It is speaking to Eve. It is persuading her to eat of the

fruit. She picks some of it and eats, and gives it to Adam, and he eats too. So they both of them do what God has told them not to do. Though God has been so kind to them, they do not mind him.

Adam and Eve are being sent out of the garden of Eden. They are sent out because they ate the fruit that God told them not to eat. God is punishing them for this. An angel stands by the gate of the garden to keep them from going in there again. The angel has come down from heaven. He does not live in this world. He lives up in heaven where God lives. A great many angels live up in heaven. They are very good and never do anything wrong. They do whatever God tells them to do, and go wherever he tells them to go.



The garden God planted for Adam and Eve was a beautiful place. As long as they stayed there they had everything they wanted. Only the beasts and the birds were with them. The flowers were beautiful for them to look at, and the fruit they ate grew by itself, without their having to work to make it grow. But now they had to go and live in a place that was very different from this beautiful garden.



Eve with her two little boys is sitting under the tree. Adam is digging in the ground. He has to work very hard to make things grow that they want to eat. He did not have to work in the garden of Eden; there things grew themselves. How happy they were in the garden. Beautiful flowers bloomed, the birds sang, the wild beasts did not hurt them. If Adam and Eve had minded what God said they might have stayed in the garden. Now they are sorry for what they have done.

These are Eve's two little boys that we saw in the other picture. But now they have grown up to be men. One of them is named Cain, the other is named Abel. They are both of them saying their prayers to God. Abel is a good man, but Cain is a wicked man.

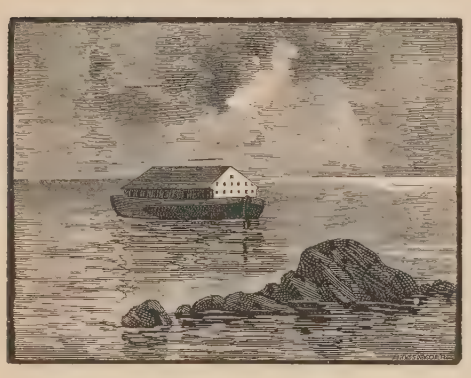
Cain hated Abel because God was pleased with Abel, but not with him. And one day when they were out in the field together Cain struck his brother and killed him. And the blood ran out of Abel's wounds and sank into the ground. After Cain had done this God spoke to him and asked him where Abel was. Then Cain told a lie and said that he did not know. But God saw all that Cain had

done, and now, as a punishment, God said that Cain should have no home to live in; but he should wander about, and flee from one place to another, like a person who was all the time afraid that some one would kill him. And God set a mark on Cain. We do not know what sort of a mark it was, but it was something that other people could see, and know that it was wicked Cain who had killed his brother.

This man is named Noah. He is building a great boat called the ark. God told him to build it. Noah is a good man. He loves God and minds what God says to him. But all the rest of the people are wicked. They do not mind God and he is angry with them. He is going to send a great rain on the earth. The ground will be covered with deep water and all the people will be drowned.

But Noah will not be drowned. He will go into the ark. For it will be ready before the rain comes. It will take Noah a great many years to build the ark, but God will not send the rain until it is finished. Then Noah will take his sons and his daughters into the ark, and a great many birds and animals will go in with them.

The man with the long staff in his hand is Noah. He has finished the ark that God told him to build. It took him a great while to finish it. And all the time that he was working on it he used to talk to the wicked people who would not mind God. He begged them to mind him, and he told them about the rain that was coming after a while to drown every wicked person. But they would not listen to Noah or believe what he said. So now he cannot talk to them any more; he must go away and leave them alone. He is taking his sons and his daughters, and all the animals and birds, with him into the ark. There are a great many of them, but there is room for them all. The ark is very large. God makes the birds and the animals willing to go in. Noah has taken enough food for them to eat while they will be in the ark.



As soon as Noah and his family, and the animals, and the birds, were all safe in the ark, God shut the door. And after seven days the rain began, and it rained without stopping forty days and forty nights. The rain did not come down only in little drops as we see it come now, but it came as if it was poured out of great windows up in the sky. And the water began to overflow the land. After a while it came to where the ark was, underneath and all around it. It rose higher and higher till the ark floated on it, and was lifted up from the place where Noah had been building it so long; and the ground everywhere was covered. Even the hills and mountains could not be seen. Only the ark could be seen floating alone, with the water all around it and the sky above. How lonely Noah must have felt as he looked out and saw the deep waters on every side!

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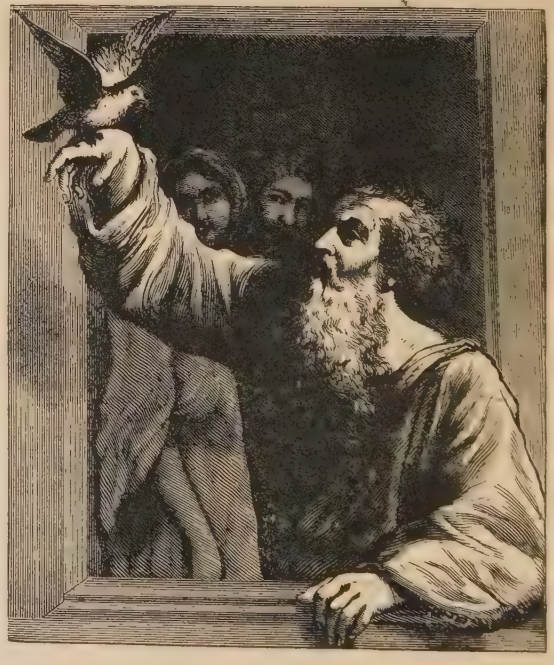
But all the rest of the people in the world, except those few who were in the ark, sank down under the water, and were drowned. And all the animals and birds, excepting those in the ark, were drowned too. It was because the people were wicked and would not obey God, that he sent the water to drown them. But Noah was a good man, and God saved him and his family alive.



Noah has opened the window of the ark. He sent out this dove in the morning to fly off and see if the ground was dry yet. The dove has come back in the evening. It has a green leaf in its mouth. Noah puts out his hand and takes the dove in. Noah sees the green leaf, and he knows that the trees are standing out of the water, and that the ground will soon be dry, and then it will be time for him, and all who are with him, to come out of the ark.

The earth is covered with water, and all the people, except Noah and his family who are in the ark, are drowned. The dove finds an olive branch and will carry a leaf from it back to the ark.

Noah and his wife and his children are coming out of the ark. And the animals and the birds are coming out too. For the water has gone away, and the ground is dry enough for them to walk on. They do not have to stay in the ark any more. They are looking up toward the sky, and thanking God for keeping them safe when the waters were all over the earth, and when all the other people were drowned. They have been shut up in the ark for many months. How glad they are now to walk on the dry land again!

Noah is kneeling on the ground before an altar. There is a fire burning on the altar. Noah will offer up animals upon it as a sacrifice to God, who saved him and his family from being drowned in the flood.

This is the tower of Babel. The people are all at work building it. They want to build it up as high as the sky. They say, Come, let us build a tower that shall reach up to heaven! But God sees the tower,

and he is not pleased with them for building it. And now he will do a very wonderful thing to stop them. He will make them, all at once, speak in a different way from what they spoke before. Then they cannot go on building the tower because they do not understand one another.

These men have stopped building the tower of Babel. They will not make it any higher because they have begun to speak different words from those they used before. They cannot understand each other any more. Soon they will separate into companies and go away. Those only will live together who can speak the same language.

The people in the countries we read about in the Bible do many things differently from the way we do here. Some of them live in tents, which they can move easily from place to place when they need fresh pastures for their sheep. The clothes they wear are loose and flowing, which are cooler than ours would be. In the picture we see them at a well in the shade of the trees, while their flocks feed near them.

The man who has a crown on his head is a king. His name is Melchisedek. He is holding up his hands and blessing Abraham; that is, he is asking God to be kind to Abraham and to give him good things. He knows that Abraham is a good man, who loves and minds God.

Abraham is setting some food on the table. He is waiting on these three men. We call them men and they look like men, but they are not men. Two of them are angels, and one of them is the Lord. For the Lord has come down from heaven because he is going to send his angels to burn up the wicked city of Sodom.

Lot is bidding Abraham good-bye. Abraham is Lot's uncle. They both of them have flocks of sheep, and goats, and camels. But the men who take care of these flocks have been quarrelling with each other. So Lot says he will take his sheep, and his goats, and his camels, and go and live in some other place, where these men cannot quarrel any more. And now he is bidding Abraham good-bye. He is going to the city called Sodom. He does not know it is to be burned up.

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The city of Sodom, where Lot lives, is being burned up. God sent his angels to burn it. But first the angels told Lot that the city was to be burned. For Lot was a good man. He minded what God said to him. The angels did not want him to be burned up with the wicked city. They told him he must make haste away. So Lot and his daughters are fleeing out of the city. They had not time to take many things with them. You see one of the daughters has a

bundle on her head; it is all she could save from her home. They are making great haste, for fear the fire will reach them. But Lot's wife did not make haste. She stayed behind and looked back, perhaps she wanted to go back to the wicked city, and she was turned into a pillar of salt. And as soon as Lot and his family had gone out of Sodom there came down fire from the skies and burned up the houses and the people who lived in them. Not one was saved alive, for all of them were wicked.

Abraham is in his house. Sarah and Hagar are standing before him.

Abraham is sending this woman away from his home. It is Hagar he is sending away. Her little boy is with her. She carries a bottle of water. Where will Hagar go? She will go out into the lonely wilderness, where no one lives.

Hagar and her little son Ishmael have gone far away from their home. There is nobody near to help them. The bread Hagar took with her is all gone, and there is no more water left in her bottle. Hagar sees her son grow weak and faint. He asks her to give him some water to drink, but she has none, and does not know where to find a spring or well. Hagar then was afraid her boy would die, so she took him and laid him

under a bush, and went and sat a good way off so she would not see him die. While she was sitting there crying, an angel came and spoke to her, and told her not to be afraid. Ishmael would not die, the angel said, for God would take care of him; and he would grow up and become a great man. Then Hagar looked, and saw, quite near, a well of cool, sparkling water. She ran to it, and gave the boy a drink of the water, and he soon grew strong again.

This is Abraham. God loves him and has made him rich and great. He has given Abraham silver and gold and flocks of sheep and goats and camels. But Abraham said that God had not given him a son, to have all these things after Abraham should be dead.

Then God spoke to Abraham in the night and told him to come out of his house and look up at the sky. And God asked him if he could count those stars that he saw up in the sky. But there were too many; Abraham could not count them. Then God told Abraham that he would give him a son, and that his son should have children too. Abraham's children and his children's children, God said, should be like those stars —so many that nobody could count them.

This is Abraham and his son Isaac. God spoke to Abraham and told him to take his dear son Isaac and offer him up for a sacrifice, as if he were a sheep or goat. They are going to the place of sacrifice, and

Isaac is carrying the wood for the altar. Why did God tell Abraham to do this? He wanted to see if he would obey him. But God will not let Abraham harm Isaac.

Abraham's servant is looking at the young woman who has filled her pitcher with water at the well. Her name is Rebekah. He will ask her for a drink, and she will give it to him. Then he will know she is the young woman God has chosen to be Isaac's wife.

Abraham's servant has a present in his hand for Rebekah. It is an earring of gold. He is putting it in her ear. Then he asks her whether there is room at her father's house for him, and the men who are with him, to sleep, and whether there is straw and food for their camels. Rebekah tells him there is room and food for them.

People who live in the country we read about in the Bible ride on camels. Camels are very strong and swift. They can go a long way over the hot sand of the desert without food or water.

Rebekah is riding on the camel. Abraham's servant is walking beside her. She is going with the servant to Abraham's home. But why does she leave her father and mother? Because she is going to be married to Isaac, who is Abraham's son. Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac. And the servant came to the well and saw Rebekah. He

went home with her and saw her father and mother. He told them that Abraham was his master and that God had made Abraham very rich: he had given him silver and gold and flocks and herds. And all these things Isaac would have after Abraham was dead. Then the servant said Abraham had sent him to find a wife for Isaac, and he asked them if Rebekah might go with him to be Isaac's wife. They asked her, and she said she would go.

Rebekah has come to the land of Canaan, where Isaac lives. Isaac was walking in the field. He looked up and saw the camels coming. When they came nearer he saw Rebekah. Rebekah came down from the camel, and Isaac brought her into the house. Isaac loved Rebekah, and took her for his wife. God was very kind to Isaac and blessed him. And Isaac and Rebekah had two sons, whose names were Jacob and Esau.

Isaac has grown old. He cannot see. He has told his son Esau to go out in the woods and kill a deer, and cook some of the meat for him to eat. Then Isaac says he will bless Esau and tell him of all the things he is to have for his own, after his father is dead. So Esau has gone out into the woods to kill the deer for his father. But while Esau is gone, Jacob, Esau's brother, comes to his father. Jacob pretends that he is Esau, and his father cannot see; he feels the goat-skin on Jacob's hands and thinks he is Esau, because Esau had a rough, hairy skin. So he blesses Jacob and gives him the things that he intended for Esau. Jacob's mother is listening. She told him to do this. It was wicked in them to deceive Isaac. And after Isaac had done blessing Jacob, Esau came in with the deer he had killed. When Esau found that his father had blessed Jacob, he was very angry. For Esau was the oldest, and he ought to have been blessed first. And Esau said he would kill his brother for taking away his blessing.

Jacob has come away from his home, because Esau is angry with him. He is afraid of his brother Esau. It is night, and Jacob has no place to sleep. He lies down on the ground and takes some of the stones for his pillow. And he has a dream. He thinks he sees a great ladder that reaches up to the sky. Angels are going up and down the ladder. And God speaks to Jacob out of the sky, and tells him that he will take care of him, and keep him safe wherever he goes.

Jacob has come to another country a long way from his own home. And he sees out in the field a young woman named Rachel. She stays out in the field to take care of her father's sheep. And now she has brought them to the well to give them a drink of water. But Jacob will help her; he will draw up water out of the well and give her sheep drink. Then he will go home with her to her father's house.

Jacob has come to Rachel's home. He is talking with her father. Her father's name is Laban. Jacob is asking Laban if Rachel may not be his wife. Laban says that if Jacob will stay and work for him a long time and take care of his flocks, then Rachel shall be his wife. So Jacob stayed and worked for Laban many years. He took care of Laban's sheep, and goats, and camels; and afterward Laban gave Rachel to him for his wife.

This is a shepherd leading his sheep. He is carrying a lamb in his arms.

Rachel is riding on a camel. Jacob is walking by her side. Jacob's little children are coming too. He has left Laban's house where he has lived so long. He is going back to his father's house. It is many years since he has seen his father. Now he wants to go and see him before his father dies. Jacob has sheep, and camels, and goats of his own. He is taking these with him. It is a long way to the land where his father lives. But God will take care of Jacob and bring him safely there.

God sent an angel to Jacob in the night. But Jacob is not afraid. He puts his arms around the angel and wrestles with him until morning. He will not let him go, but begs the angel to bless him. The angel lifts up his hand over Jacob's head and blesses him.

Jacob meets his brother Esau. He has not seen Esau since the time when he got Esau's blessing. That was many years ago. Esau was very angry with Jacob then, and Jacob was afraid of him. And he went away from his home and lived with Laban, and took Rachel, Laban's daughter, to be his wife. Jacob has been living with Laban ever since that time. But now he wants to go back to his father's house. And Jacob is on his way back, but before he gets there he sees Esau coming

toward him. Some men are with Esau, and Jacob is very much afraid. He is afraid Esau will kill him for taking away his blessing.

But Esau has forgiven Jacob, and now he runs to him and puts his arms around his neck and kisses him. And they cry together because they are so glad. And Jacob gave Esau a present of some sheep and goats and camels, for Jacob had a great many of these. Afterward Esau went away to his own home, and Jacob came to his father.

Jacob's sons are selling their brother. His name is Joseph. They are selling him to the men with the camels. These men will take Joseph away to another country called Egypt. Then Joseph's brothers will go back to their father and tell him that Joseph is dead. They will say that some wild beast has killed him.

Jacob's sons have come home after selling their brother Joseph. They are showing their father Joseph's coat. They have torn it in some places and have put goat's blood on it. They say to Jacob they

found it like this in the field; he can tell, they say, whether it is Joseph's coat or not. Jacob knows it and cries, "It is my son Joseph's coat; some wild beast has killed him."

Joseph is in prison in Egypt. You see how strong the prison is. It is built of stone, with bolts and bars to keep the prisoners from getting out. The keeper of the prison soon found out what a good man Joseph was, so he lets him walk about wherever he chooses. Two men are in the prison with Joseph. These two men who are with Joseph are servants of the king. One night when they were asleep they both had strange

dreams. Joseph is telling them what their dreams mean. One man's dream meant that in three days he should go out of prison and live in the king's house again. You see how glad he looks. But the other man's dream meant that in three days he should be killed. He is kneeling down and looks very much afraid. God made Joseph know what the dreams meant.

The king of Egypt has had a dream, but his wise men cannot tell him what it means. He is troubled because no one can explain his dream. Then he sends to the prison for Joseph. And Joseph puts on his best clothes and comes quickly to the king. And God made Joseph know what the king's dream meant. Joseph is explaining it to the king. Then the king was pleased with Joseph when he had explained his dream and would not let him go back to the prison any more.

Joseph is dressed in beautiful clothes and has a chain of gold around his neck, and he is riding in a chariot. For the king has given him all these things because he told him about his dream. The king says that every person in the land of Egypt must mind what Joseph says.

Joseph's brothers have been to the land of Egypt to buy corn, because there is no corn for them to eat in the land of Canaan where they live. There is a famine in the land of Canaan, and the corn will not grow there. But there is plenty of corn in the land of Egypt where Joseph lives. So they took their asses and started to go to that land to buy some. And they saw Joseph in Egypt and bought corn of him, but it had been so long since they had seen him before, and now he was so rich and great, that they did not know him or think it was their brother. But Joseph knew them, though he did not tell them so. And when they paid their money for the corn he told his servants to put it back in their bags. And when Joseph's brothers stopped and opened their bags to feed their asses, they found the money. You see how surprised they look, for they cannot understand it.

Joseph's brothers have come into Egypt again to buy more corn. They have brought their little brother Benjamin with them, for he was not with them when they came the first time. And now Joseph tells them that he is their brother whom they sold so many years ago. Then they are frightened, for they remember how cruel they were to him, and they are afraid he will punish them. You see they are kneeling down

and begging him to forgive them. But Joseph tells them they need not be afraid, for he has forgiven them, and still loves them. He kisses his little brother Benjamin, he is so glad to see him. Then he talks with his brothers and asks them about his father, who is still living in the land of Canaan. He treats them very kindly, and has their bags filled with corn; then he sends them back safely to their homes.

Joseph has sent for his father to come into Egypt. He rides out to meet him, and as soon as he meets him he gets down from his chariot, and runs to his father and puts his arms around his neck, and kisses him. Jacob, Joseph's father, is very old. He did not ever expect to see Joseph again. He thought Joseph was dead. How glad he is now to see his dear son once more! And Joseph is very kind to his father and

to his brothers. He has sent for them all to come out of the land of Canaan, because there was no corn for them there. And he has brought them to Egypt, where there is plenty of food. Joseph will bring them to the king, and the king will speak kindly to them. He will tell Joseph to give them some of the land of Egypt for their own, where they will have grass for their cattle, and where they can build houses for their wives and their little children to live in.

Jacob is blessing Joseph and his sons. He is asking God to be kind to them after he is dead; for Jacob knows he has not long to live.

Jacob has died. Joseph and his brothers have carried him back into the land of Canaan, where he used to live, for Jacob told them that he wanted to be buried in that land. So they have carried him to Canaan to bury him in the cave where Abraham and Sarah were buried, and which

Abraham bought of Ephron for four hundred pieces of silver. Joseph and his brothers went back to Egypt, and lived there, after they had buried their father. When Joseph was one hundred and ten years old he died. His brothers died also, but their children lived and became a great many people.

This little baby is in his mother's arms. She is an Israelite. She loves her little boy very much, but she is afraid to keep him with her. A wicked king now rules over Egypt. He kills all the little boys of the Israelites. How will the baby's mother save him? She will put him in a little ark, or boat, and hide him in the rushes by the river bank.

The little boy is floating on the water. He is in a little basket made of reeds, or rushes. It is woven together very tightly, and covered with pitch to keep out the water. The baby's mother made the basket and put him into it.

After awhile the king's daughter will come down to the river and see the basket floating in the water. She will send a young woman to get the baby. When it cries she pities it, and after giving it back to its own mother to be nursed, will take it to her home, and call its name Moses. She will treat the little boy as if he were her own son.

Moses has grown up to be a man. Now he is a shepherd, and takes care of sheep. He has taken his sheep up on a mountain to eat the grass there. He sees a fire burning in a bush. He comes toward it to look at it. He hears a voice speaking to him. It is God's voice speaking out of the fire to Moses. And Moses hides his face, for he is afraid to look upon God.

The king is sitting on his throne. His name is Pharaoh. Moses and Aaron are standing up before the king. Just now Aaron had a rod in his hand; he threw it down on the ground, and it was changed into a serpent. Then the king's servants threw down their rods, and they were changed into serpents, too. But Aaron's rod swallowed up all the other rods. God sent Aaron to do this wonderful thing, so that Pharaoh might let the children of Israel go.

This poor man is carrying a heavy load of bricks on his shoulder. The man with the whip is going to strike him because he does not go faster. A little way off another man is throwing a little child into the river. Its mother is trying to save it, but she cannot. Why are the

men so cruel to these people? It is because King Pharaoh tells them to be cruel. The people they are so cruel to are called Israelites. King Pharaoh makes them work very hard. They have to dig clay out of the ground and to make bricks of it, and to build houses. They are tired and sick with working, but the king does not pity them. He makes them work harder than ever.

The angel is going through King Pharaoh's land. He is going through it in the night. The angel will go into King Pharaoh's house and make his son die. He will go into all the people's houses and make their sons die because they have been so cruel to the Israelites.

But the angel will not go into the houses where the Israelites live, to make their sons die. God told the Israelites that the angel was coming, and he told them to kill a lamb, and take its blood and sprinkle it near the doors of the houses. When the angel saw the blood, God said, he would not come into the house. In the picture we see the blood sprinkled at the door. The angel sees the blood. He will pass over this house and not harm any one in it. We can see the family inside. They are eating the Feast of the Passover. After they have eaten it they will go away. On this night all the Israelites depart from Egypt. God sent dreadful plagues to punish the Egyptians. They are now glad to let the Israelites go.

This is the house of an Egyptian. How different it is from the house of the Israelites. The angel has been here. But when he saw there were no marks of blood on the door he did not pass over it.

The angel went into all the houses of the Egyptians and caused their oldest sons to die. God sent him to do this so Pharaoh would let the Israelites go away from Egypt.

Moses is standing on the shore of the sea. He and all the Israelites have just come out of King Pharaoh's land. They had to come across the sea. But they did not come across in boats. They walked through the sea. For the water went away from that place so that they could walk on the bottom of the sea. But when wicked Pharaoh and his soldiers followed after them to make them go back again, then the water came on Pharaoh and his soldiers, and drowned them all. God made the water come on them and drown them, but he did not let it drown the Israelites.

The quail and her young ones. The Israelites wanted some flesh to eat, but they had none. Then a great many quails came to the place where they were. There were so many quails that the ground was covered with them. Then the Israelites went out and caught them, and they brought them to their homes and ate them. It was God who sent the quails for the Israelites to eat.

The Israelites are picking up something off of the ground. It is manna they are picking up. God has sent it for them to eat. It is small and round and white, and tastes as if it had honey in it. Every morning God sends enough manna for all the men, and women, and little children to eat that day. God never forgets to send it, but he sends only enough for one day. And the Israelites go out in the morning and gather it off of the ground and put it in jars and bowls, and they carry it to their homes, and make cakes of it and eat it.

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Moses has struck the rock with his rod, and water is coming out. For the people had no water to drink. Then God told Moses to strike the rock, and he said the water would come. So Moses struck the rock with his rod, and water came out of it, enough for all the Israelites to drink. They are catching it in bowls and cups and drinking it. For they are thirsty, and weak, and sick, because it has been so long since they had any water. God was good and kind to the Israelites to send them water out of the rock. He never forgets to be kind to his people.

Moses is holding up his rod in his hand, and because his arms are tired, two men are helping him hold them up. Why is Moses doing this? Because some bad men, called Amalekites, have come to fight with the

Israelites. As soon as the Amalekites came, Moses went up on the top of this hill, and held up his rod, and as long as he held it up God helped the Israelites. So Moses held it up until they had driven the Amalekites away.

What are these people doing? They are praying to a golden idol. They have made it in the shape of a calf, and are bowing down to it, and asking it to help them. The people are Israelites. God helped them when they lived in Egypt. When Pharaoh was cruel to them and made them work very hard, God made Pharaoh let the Israelites go. God

made the Red Sea dry for the Israelites to pass through. He gave them water to drink and manna to eat in the wilderness. Yet now they have forgotten God and are bowing down and praying to an idol which they made themselves. They are doing like the heathen people who are their enemies, and who live in the country they are passing through.

Moses has a tablet of stone in his hand. It has some writing on it. He is throwing it down on the ground. Why does he do this? I will tell you. Moses has been up on yonder mountain. God told him to go up, and while he was there God spoke to him and gave him two tablets of stone. They had the ten commandments written on them. God had written them there with his own hand. They were to teach the people what God wanted them to do. Now Moses is bringing them down from the mountain. But when he comes he finds all the people

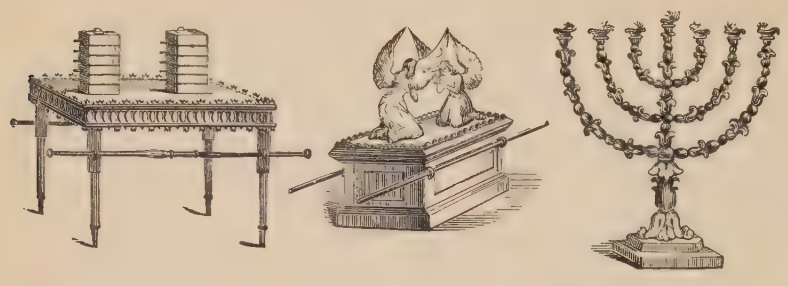
doing wickedly. They have made an idol out of gold. It is in the shape of a calf. And they have taken the calf for their god, and are praying to it. This is very wicked, for God has told them they must not pray to idols. And now when Moses is bringing them the tablets which God has sent to them, he sees all the people praying to the golden calf. And Moses is very angry. He says they do not deserve to have the tablets which God has sent, and he throws them down on the ground and breaks them in pieces.

Moses has been up on the mountain again. Before he went up God told him to make two new tables of stone like those that were broken; and God wrote the ten commandments on these two tables also. You and I must obey these commandments as carefully as the Israelites did

in the old time. In this picture we see Moses. He has come down from the mountain with the two tables in his hands. He is showing them to the people. The people are kneeling down and promising to obey them. They say they will not worship idols any more.

This is the tabernacle, or church, that the Israelites built. God told them how to build it. It is something like a tent. There are posts or pillars along its sides. Curtains are spread over these for its roof. The curtains are of different colors, and some of them have beautiful embroidered work on them. The fence around the tabernacle is made in the same way, of curtains fastened to pillars. When the Israelites want to go on their journey they take the tabernacle down and carry

all the different parts of it to the place where they are going to make their camp. Then they set it up in the middle of the camp where all the people will be. The tabernacle is a very holy place, because the ark is kept in it, and because the cloud of the Lord always rests above it. No one can go into the tabernacle except the priests. The people say their prayers outside of it.



These are some of the things that were made to go into the tabernacle. They are all very beautiful. The table is made of gold. It has twelve loaves of bread on it called shew-bread. There is a golden box too; it is called the ark. It has two angels on its lid. The angels are made out of pure gold. And there is a golden candlestick, to burn and give light, inside of the tabernacle.

These are the ministers, or priests, that stay at the tabernacle, and attend to God's worship there. And they take care of the tabernacle and of all the things that are in it. There are a great many priests who stay at the tabernacle. One of them is called the high-priest. He is the principal one. All the other priests have to mind him. He wears a beautiful dress. We see how he is dressed in the picture.

This man is offering up a burnt sacrifice to God. When an Israelite wanted to thank God for having helped him, he took a lamb out of his flock, and killed it, and put it on an altar. Then he set fire to it and burned it up. This was called a burnt sacrifice. In the tabernacle which the Israelites built, the priests offered up a sacrifice of two lambs every day. This was for all the people.

This is an idol named Molech. A great many people used to pray to this idol. It had the head of a calf, and was made of brass, and it was hollow inside. There was a place under the image to make a fire. When it got very hot the wicked people used to put their little children

in its arms. The little children were burned to death there. This man in the picture is just going to put a little child in the idol's arms. Other men are blowing on trumpets and beating on drums, and making a great noise, so that no one can hear the poor little child cry.

The people are carrying fruit, and grapes, and bundles of grain. They have been out in the fields where these things grow. They are taking them to the temple as an offering. They do this to show how thankful they are to God for sending the rain and sunshine, which made

the seeds they planted spring up, and bear more grain and fruit. They now have food enough for another year; until harvest comes again. Therefore they are keeping this feast. It is called the feast of harvests. All the people are happy while they are having this feast. God loves his children to be happy.

These men are carrying a bunch of grapes so large and heavy that they have to hang it on a pole, and carry it between them. They are in the country called Canaan. They are going back to tell the people about it, for the Israelites want to go and live there.

These men and women are going down under the ground. The ground has opened, and it is swallowing them up. They have been wicked. They have not minded Moses and Aaron, and they have tried to keep all the rest of the people from minding them. Yet God told

them they must mind Moses and Aaron. And now God is punishing them for their sin. While some of the wicked men are being swallowed up in the ground, the rest are being burned in the fire that God has sent. Moses is standing and speaking to the people about them.

Moses holds some sticks, or rods, in his hands. The men that we see in the picture brought them to him. After they had brought them Moses wrote the name of each man on his rod. On one rod the name of Aaron was written. Then he put them into the tabernacle, and left them there all night to see what would happen to them. Now we know that rods cannot grow after they have been cut off from the tree. But

one of these rods did grow. For in the morning, when Moses brought them all out to show them to the men, one of them had budded and blossomed. We see the rod in Moses' hand. It was the rod that had Aaron's name on it. God made this rod grow so the people might know he had chosen Aaron for his high-priest. For the wicked men who would not mind Moses and Aaron had said that Aaron ought not to be high-priest.

Moses is standing up and pointing to a great snake, or serpent. The serpent is made of brass. It is fastened to the top of a pole. Moses is telling the people to look at it. For some live serpents have come among the people and are biting them. The serpents are poisonous. They are biting both men and women, and whoever is bitten by them dies. And

God has told Moses to make this serpent out of brass, and to set it up on a pole, and whoever looks at it, God says, shall get well. And now Moses is pointing to the serpent of brass, and telling the people who are bitten to look at it, so that they may get well. It was because the people had done wrong and disobeyed God, that the poisonous serpents came into the camp and bit them.

The man on his knees is named Balaam. He is a prophet, but he is not a good man. A wicked king has sent for Balaam. He wants him to curse the Israelites. The king thinks that if he does so God will destroy them. Balaam ought not to curse the Israelites, for they are God's people. But the king offered to give him a great deal of silver and gold, so Balaam saddled his ass and started to go. You see in the picture that when Balaam got part way to the king's country an angel met him with a sword in his hand. The ass saw the angel first, and fell down for fear. Balaam beat the ass, but God made the ass speak; it said to Balaam, Why have you beaten me? Then Balaam looked up and saw the angel standing in the way. The angel told him he might go on to the king's country, but he must be very careful to speak only good words of the Israelites.

Here are a great number of people on a journey. They are the Israelites journeying through the wilderness. These large wagons drawn by oxen have the different parts of the tabernacle in them. You have seen a picture of the tabernacle and read how it could be taken down and put up again, like a tent. The Israelites made it in this way, because they were going to move about from one place to another, and they wanted to carry the tabernacle with them. Now

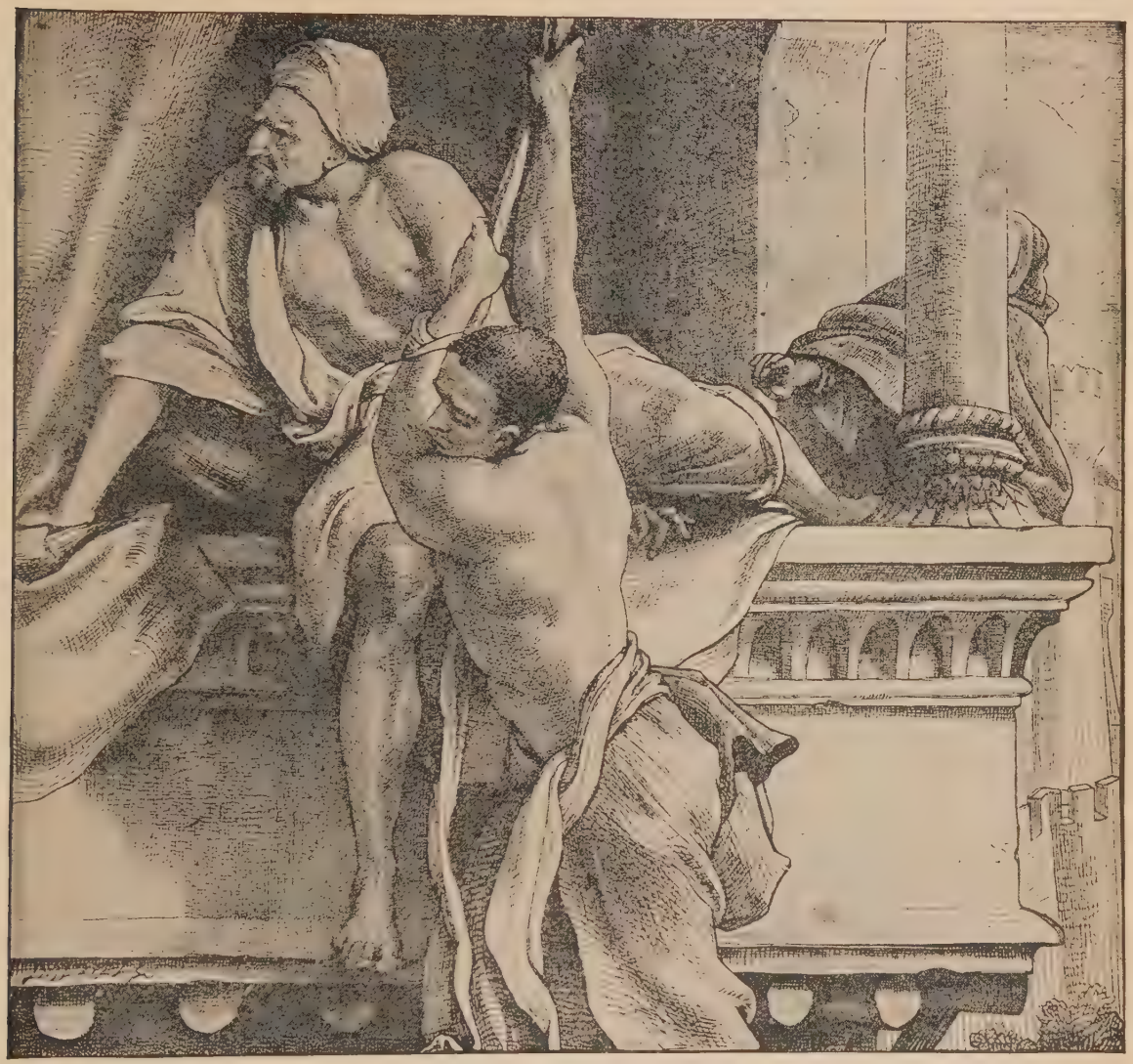
they have started on their journey toward the land called Canaan. God has promised to give them that land for their own, so that they may stay there always. Canaan is the country where Abraham and Isaac and Jacob used to live. But Jacob moved down into Egypt, to be with his son Joseph. Jacob is dead, but his children and his children's children have come to be a great many people, and now God is sending them back to Canaan again. They will have to journey forty years through the wilderness before they reach that land.

The women are kneeling down before Moses. They are asking him for something. They are the daughters of Zelophehad. Their father is dead. They have no brothers. They are asking for a share of the land promised to the men of the Israelites. Moses will give it to them.

This man is running with all his might to the city of refuge. He was in the woods cutting down a tree, and his axe slipped out of his hand and struck another man who was standing near, so that he died. He did not mean to hurt the man, and he is very sorry for it. But now the dead man's brother is running after him with a sword in his hand to kill him. The brother does not wait to ask whether the man did it on purpose. He is very angry, and will kill him with his sword if he can catch him. But he cannot catch him, for

he has reached the gate of the city. A kind man has taken him into the city, where no one can hurt him. For this is the city of refuge, where a person who has killed another by accident may come and be safe. But if the man had killed the other one on purpose, then they would not take him into the city of refuge.

These two men are running up to the roof of the house to hide. The woman is helping them. Her name is Rahab. The men are Israelites. They have come to the city to spy; to see how many people live there, and how rich they are. The city is named Jericho. Soldiers will look for the men to kill them.



The two men are letting themselves down from the house. They have been hidden on the roof. The woman hid them there. The soldiers came to take the two men and kill them; but they could not find them. As soon as the soldiers were gone the men let themselves down by ropes outside of the city wall, where no one could see them. God is going to give this city to Joshua and to the Israelites.

The people are crossing over a river. God told them to cross over it. As soon as they came to the edge of the river, the water went away, so that they could walk over on dry ground. We can see the water standing up like a wall waiting till they have gone over. It was God who made the water do this. The priests are carrying something on their shoulders through the river. It is the golden box called the ark. The ark has a cover on it, so that we cannot see the golden angels that are fastened to its lid. The man on horseback is named Joshua. He is their captain, as Moses used to be. But now Moses is dead.

The Israelites are on the bank of the river. It is the river Jordan. They are watching the men carrying the ark across. This old man is blind; he cannot see. They are telling him that God has turned back the water so they can cross on dry ground.

The men are picking up stones and making a great pile of them. Why do they do this? Because they want the Israelites to remember, always, when they see the stones, that it was at this place God turned back the water, and helped them to cross the Jordan.

The man on horseback is Joshua. He has soldiers with him. They are going into this city to take it. God has told them to go. He is making the walls of the city fall down, so that they can go into it and take it for their own. The name of the city is Jericho. The people who live in Jericho are wicked and God is taking their city from them. It is the city where the two men were hidden on the roof of the house.

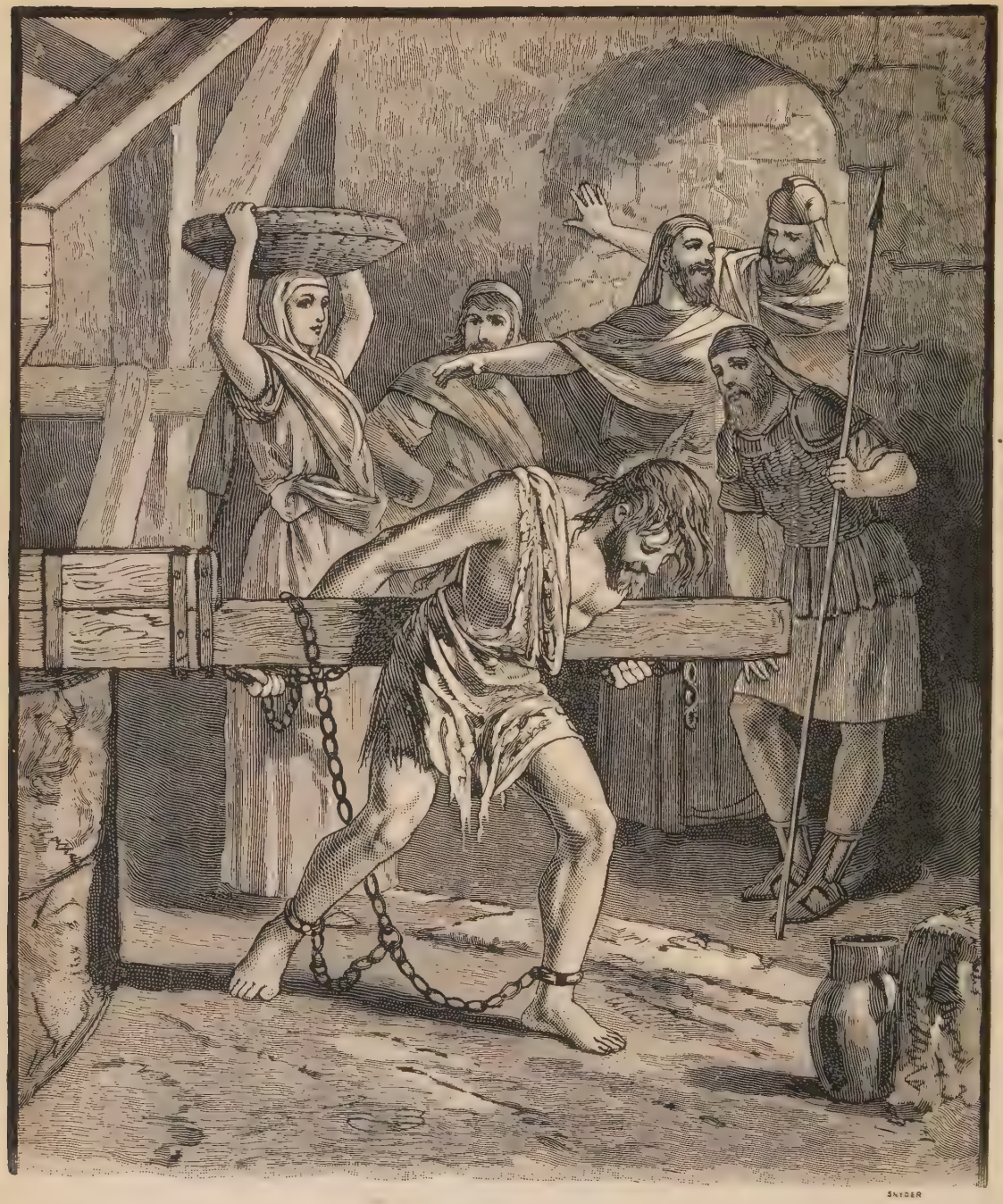
These men are looking in the ground. They find some gold and silver hidden there. This gold and silver belonged to God. But a man stole it and hid it. The man knew it belonged to God, and he should have given it to the priests at the tabernacle. Instead of this he hid it in the ground under his tent. He wanted to keep it for himself. But God saw what he did and told Joshua, and Joshua sent men to find the silver and gold. They have found it now. The name of this wicked man is Achan. He will be put to death for what he has done.

This woman is throwing a great stone on a man's head. The man's name is Abimelech. He is a bad man. He has brought soldiers with him to burn up the city and to kill all the people. But this woman is up on the top of the house, and she takes a great stone in her hands and throws it down on Abimelech's head, and hurts him so that he dies.

This man is named Samson. He was walking along the road by himself and a lion came out of the woods to kill him. But Samson caught hold of the lion with his hands, and he killed the lion. For Samson was stronger than the lion. There was not another man as strong as Samson. It was God who made him so strong, so that he could fight against the people who wanted to hurt the Israelites.

Samson is carrying away the heavy gates of a city. The city was named Gaza. Samson came into the city to stay there all night. But the men of the city hated him. They said, In the morning when he wants to go away again, we will kill him. So they shut the gates of the city that he might not get out. But he got up in the night and came to the gates, and when he found they were shut, he pulled them down and put them on his shoulder and carried them a good way off to the top of a hill. And nobody dared to stop him.

But after this Samson did not mind God. He did what God told him not to do. Then God punished him by taking away his great strength from him. And the men who hated him came and put chains of brass on him and took him away with them, for he could not get off from them.



The men who took Samson brought him into the prison and shut him up there. And they were very cruel to him, for they put out his eyes, so that he could not see. Then they made him turn a great mill-stone round and round to grind up their corn. Here is a picture of Samson in the prison. The cruel people are looking in and laughing at him, and making fun of him.

After Samson had been in the prison a good while his great strength began to come back to him. But the people did not know this. One day they had a feast in their idol's temple, and the cruel people cried out, Bring Samson here, that we may see him and make fun of him! So poor blind Samson was led from the prison into the idol's temple, and he stood between two great pillars that held up the house. And Samson said to

the boy who led him by the hand, Let me feel the pillars. Now the house was full of men and women, and some were even up on the roof. They had come to see Samson and mock him. Then Samson put his arms around the pillars and pulled them together with all his might until they broke. And the house fell down on all the people and killed them, and Samson was killed with them.

This man's name is Boaz. It is his field where the corn is growing. The young woman is asking him if she may not pick up a little corn. She wants to take it home for her mother and herself to eat. For they are poor. And Boaz speaks kindly to her. He tells her to take as much corn as she wants. The young woman's name is Ruth. She is gentle and good, and Boaz loves her, and asks her to be his wife, and afterward they are married to each other.

Job is lifting up his hands in great trouble. His servants are telling him sad news. One has just told him that robbers have taken away his oxen. Another tells him that his sheep are all killed. Another says that some men have taken away his camels. And another servant is coming to tell him that his sons and his daughters are dead. They were in the house eating and drinking together, and a great wind blew the house down, and it fell on them and killed them. When Job heard these things he was very sorry. Yet he said it was God who let these troubles come to him, so it must be right for them to come, and he would not find fault with God.

Job has still more trouble. For after his children and his riches have been taken from him, then sickness comes to him. Dreadful sores, called boils, break out all over his body, so that he is in pain and cannot sleep by night or by day. Then three of his friends come to see him, and they sit down near to him, but they hardly know him, he looks so sick and is so much changed.

God takes away Job's sickness and makes him well again. And he gives him more sheep and camels and oxen for those that were lost. And God gives him sons and daughters too. Then Job's brothers and sisters and friends come to see him, and they all give him presents of money and of gold. Because Job is a good man and loves God, God is so kind to him. And now his trouble has all gone; he is well and happy again, and richer than he was before.

The ship is in a storm. God sent this storm because there is a man in the ship who did not mind him. The man's name is Jonah. God told Jonah to go to a city called Nineveh, and to tell the wicked people who lived there that in forty days God would punish them for their sins. But Jonah did not want to go. He sailed out on the sea in this ship instead. The sailors have found out that Jonah did not mind God, and that the storm has come on his account. They take Jonah up and throw him into the sea. Then the storm goes away.

God sent a great fish to the side of the ship to swallow up Jonah as soon as he should be cast into the sea. Jonah was in the fish three days and three nights, but God kept him alive. And Jonah prayed to God while he was in the fish and asked God to forgive him. So God forgave Jonah, and told the fish to cast him out on dry land again. Then God spoke to him a second time, and said, Go to Nineveh, that great city

and tell the people that in forty days, because they are so wicked their city will be destroyed. This time Jonah did not disobey God, but he rose up and went to Nineveh as God told him. And when the king of Nineveh and all the people heard what Jonah said, they stopped doing wickedly and prayed that God would forgive them. So God forgave them and did not send his punishment upon them.

This is a picture of two women in their house. They are Israelites. They wear the loose and flowing dress that is worn in the countries we read about in the Bible. One of the women holds a little baby in her arms. The baby's mother is sitting beside her. She loves her little boy very much.

This woman is in the tabernacle. Her name is Hannah. She is praying to God. She is asking God to give her a son. She says that if God will give her a son, then the little boy shall come and stay at the tabernacle and wait on God's high-priest. The high-priest is named Eli. He is sitting on a seat in the tabernacle. He hears Hannah praying, and asks God to give her the thing that she prays to him for. God will hear Hannah's prayer, and give her a son.

This little boy is the son that God gave to Hannah. His name is Samuel. Hannah has brought him to the tabernacle, so that he may stay there and wait on the high-priest. Eli is glad because he will have Samuel to stay at the tabernacle. He asks God to be kind to Hannah and her husband for giving little Samuel to him.

God called to Samuel in the night while he was asleep. Samuel thought it was Eli who called him, and he ran to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me! But Eli had not called the child. Eli knew it was God who was calling him. And he told Samuel when the voice called

again to answer, Speak, for thy servant heareth! So the voice called again, and Samuel answered the words that Eli had told him. Then God told Samuel that because Eli's two sons had been wicked and Eli had not stopped them, but had let them go on in their wickedness, God would send a dreadful punishment on Eli and his sons.

Eli falls down backward from his seat and is killed. It is because this messenger has just brought him word that the ark has been taken from the Israelites by the people called Philistines, and that his two sons are dead. Eli was a good man, but his sons were bad men. What God said to little Samuel has come true.

These are some of the wicked Philistines, who have taken the ark away from the Israelites. They have put the ark in the house where they keep their idol. Their idol's name is Dagon. The Philistines pray to it. They have brought the ark into Dagon's house and left it there all night. And in the morning they find the idol fallen down on the ground, on its face, before the ark. And Dagon's head and his hands are cut off. It was God who made the idol fall down. He sends sickness too among the Philistines because they are keeping the ark from the Israelites.

The Philistines are afraid to keep the ark any longer. They have laid it on this cart, and fastened the cows to the cart. In this way they will send it back to the Israelites. There is no man driving the cows. They are left to go by themselves wherever they chose, but God will make them go the right way.

Samuel has grown up to be a man. He is pouring oil out of a bottle on this young man's head. The young man's name is Saul. Saul is going to be king over the people. When any man was made king he had oil poured on his head. This was called anointing him. God told Samuel to anoint Saul. It was God who chose Saul to be king.

Jonathan is King Saul's son. He is climbing up the rocks. Another young man is with him. They have brought their swords and shields. They are going to fight against the men on the top of the hill. Those men are bad men. They have come to rob the Israelites and do them harm. God will help Jonathan and the young man who is with him, to fight against them and drive them away.

David takes care of his father's sheep. He stays with them in the day and in the night. He keeps them from being lost, and he will not let any wild beast kill them. Sometimes when he is alone out in the field he plays on the harp. He knows how to play on the harp very well, and he can make sweet music.

King Saul is sitting down with his spear in his hand. His son Jonathan is standing by his side, and David is playing the harp before him. The king has sent for David to come and play on his harp, because he has heard that David could make sweet music. Jonathan is listening too. He is glad to hear the music of David's harp. For he loves David and David loves him. We shall read afterward how kind Jonathan was to David.

David is picking up some stones to throw out of his sling. He carries his sling in his hand. He is only a shepherd boy, and yet he is going to fight with the giant. The giant's name is Goliath; he is larger and stronger than any other man. The giant has a sword and a spear to fight with, but David has nothing except his sling and these few stones that he is picking up out of the brook. But God will help David.

When the giant saw that David was only a shepherd boy, he thought him not worth fighting with, and he came toward him with his sword and his spear to kill him. But David made haste and ran toward the giant, and he took a stone out of his bag and put it into his sling, and

threw it at the giant, and it struck him in the forehead, and sank into his flesh, so that he fell down on his face to the ground. Then David ran and stood on the giant and took his sword from him and killed him. And when all the wicked men who were with the giant saw that their leader was killed, they fled away.

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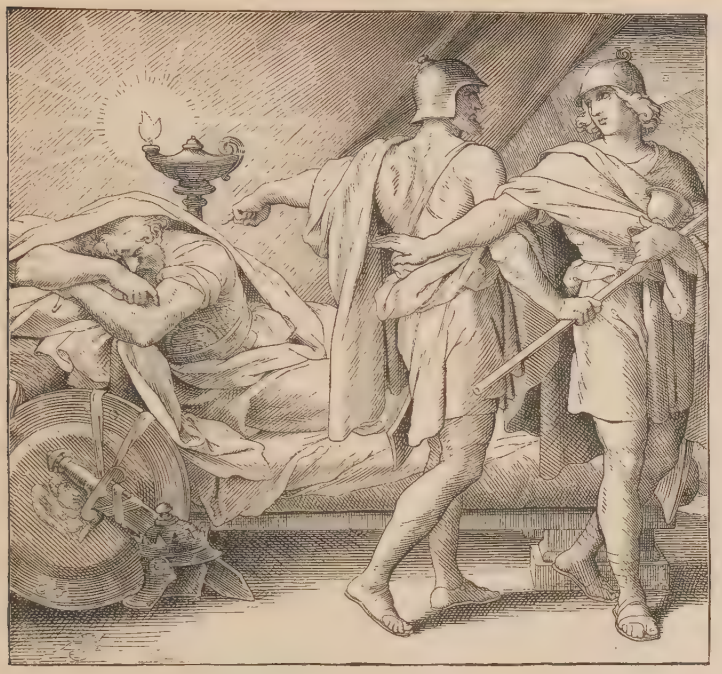
King Saul is throwing his spear at David; he is trying to kill him. Why does the king try to kill David? It is because all the people praise him for killing the giant. The king does not like to hear David praised. He wants all the praise himself. So while David is playing the harp before him he throws his spear at him. He wants it to go through David's body and fasten him to the wall. But David slips out

of the way of the spear, and it does not hurt him. And the king throws his spear at David again, but he turns aside a second time and the spear does him no harm. After this Saul is afraid of David because he sees that God is David's friend. But God is not Saul's friend, because Saul is a wicked man. Jonathan, the king's son, loves David, and is very sorry for what his father has done to him.

Saul sent some soldiers to David's house. They are waiting at the door. They think David will come out and then they will kill him. But David's wife knew the soldiers were there. She is helping David to get down by a rope from the window. The soldiers do not see him.

David and Jonathan are bidding each other good-bye. David has to make haste and go away to some other place where Saul cannot find him, for Saul wants to take him and kill him. Jonathan is very sorry for David. He has tried to persuade his father to be kind to David, but his father will not listen to what Jonathan says. And now Jonathan is helping David to get away from his father.

David is living out in the woods and fields where Saul cannot find him. Some other men have come there to stay with David. But sometimes they have hardly enough to eat. This woman has brought David a present of some meat, and corn, and bread. Her name is Abigail. Her servants are carrying these things on their shoulders and laying them down before David. Abigail is a rich woman. She is kind and good to David and to the men who are with him.



King Saul is asleep in his tent at night. David and one of his men have come very softly into the tent. They are taking away Saul's spear, but he is so fast asleep that he does not know it. David might kill Saul while he is asleep, but, though Saul wants to kill David, David does not want to kill him. David is a good man. He loves God, and he tries every day to do what will please him.

Here is a battle. A great many soldiers are fighting with spears and swords. Saul is in the battle. But he is not fighting. Look, where he has pointed his sword against his own breast, and now he is falling on it, to make it run into his body and kill him! Why does King Saul do so wicked a thing? It is because the battle is going against him. God does not help him, for Saul has not minded God or tried to please him.

Some oil is being poured on David's head; he is being anointed. He is going to be king. God has chosen him for king in Saul's place, for Saul is dead. And all the people are glad. They want David for their king, and they are willing to mind him. After the oil has been poured on him, then the crown that the young man is holding will be put on David's head.

David is glad and happy. He is playing on the harp, and the men that follow him are carrying the golden box called the ark. This is the ark, you remember, the Israelites carried through the wilderness. When it was first brought inside the tabernacle God came in a cloud, into the tabernacle, above the ark. We have read how the ark was afterwards

taken away by the Philistines. They put it in their idol's house. But in the morning the Philistines found their idol cut in pieces, so they were afraid to keep the ark any longer. They sent it back in a cart drawn by two cows. And now David is bringing it to the new church he has built. He is happy because the ark is safe in Jerusalem.

King David is lowering his head and looking down. It is because he has done wrong. He is ashamed, and although he is king he is unhappy and afraid. The man who is speaking to him is Nathan, the prophet. God has sent him to David to tell him that God will punish him, for he knows of his sin, and is angry with him for it.

And Nathan came to David and told him a story about this man that we see in the picture. He was very poor, and had nothing except one little lamb that he had brought up and taken care of. It grew up with his children, and he fed it from his table, and it drank out of his cup and seemed to him like a daughter. And because he was so kind to it, the lamb loved him and his children.

This rich man had a great many sheep and lambs. But when he wanted to make a feast for his friend, he did not take one of his own, but went and took the poor man's pet lamb. When David heard this story he was angry, and said the rich man should be punished. But Nathan told David that he too had done wrong, and that God was angry with him and would punish him.

David is kneeling down on the ground. He is praying to God. His little child is sick. Its mother is holding its head in her lap. David will not rise up nor eat anything; he prays all night, because he loves his little child so much and is so anxious for it to get well. Yet it will not get well, but will die. God is punishing David in this dreadful way for the wrong things that he has done.

David is making haste away from Jerusalem, the city where he lived. He has left his home and is in great trouble, and he does not know where to go. His son Absalom has turned against him. Absalom wants to put his father away from being king. He wants to be king himself. Absalom has taken soldiers with him and gone into David's house. He would be glad even to kill his father, so that he may be king over the people.

David is afraid of Absalom. He has fled away from his house because Absalom is there. David's servants have come with him. They love him and will not leave him. But there is a wicked man who hates David. His name is Shimei. He stands on the other side of the road and throws stones at him. But David goes safely away. He will escape from his enemies and cross over the river Jordan, where Absalom's soldiers cannot find him.

Absalom's long hair has caught in the branches of a tree. The beast he was riding on has run away and left him hanging to the branches. Then some men come with spears and kill him. For Absalom brought soldiers with him and followed after his father, and he came near to the place where his father was.

The men who were with David went out to fight with Absalom and his soldiers. And there was a great battle. But God gave David's men the victory, and a great many of Absalom's men were put to death. The battle was in a wood. And as Absalom was making haste away his hair caught in the branches of an oak, as we have read, and he was left hanging there until the men came and killed him.

David has been waiting to hear what news there would be from the battle. And now a messenger has come to tell him that Absalom is killed. And David is in great trouble. Although Absalom has been

so cruel to his father, yet his father loves him as much as ever. David mourns and cries for him. He goes into a room alone, and cries out loud, O, my son Absalom, my son Absalom! I wish God had let me die instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!

You see in this picture Solomon, the son of David, kneeling before his father. David is a very old man now, and does not want to be king any longer. He called together the princes and chief men of his kingdom, and told them that Solomon was to be king after him. Solomon is a good son, and not like the wicked Absalom. He will sit in David's seat and be king over all the Israelites.

David said to him, Solomon, my son, obey God and serve him with all thy heart, and He will be thy friend. Then David told him of a great work he was to do. He was to build the splendid church called the temple. David had made ready the patterns for it, the wood and stone, and the gold and silver, although he could not build it himself because he had been a man of war and had shed blood. But there is no war now; there will be peace. The name Solomon means peaceable.

Solomon is building the new church. It is being built of stone, and each stone was cut into its proper shape before it was brought to the place. You see some of the men are dragging the great stones and

others are getting ready to build them up. In front there is a porch, and inside the house the walls will be covered with cedar wood carved into the shapes of flowers, and the flowers covered over with gold.

These men are at work building the new church for Solomon. Solomon is telling them how they must build it. They will put gold and silver and precious stones in it, and the church will be very beautiful. The name of the new church will be the temple.

The temple is finished and the priests are carrying the ark into it. The ark is covered over, and we cannot see the golden angels on the lid. We cannot see inside of it.

The two tablets of stone that God gave to Moses are in the ark, and so is the rod that had Aaron's name on it, and that grew and budded in the night. King Solomon is walking in front of the priests who are carrying the ark. He is showing them the way they shall go. A good way off we see other priests blowing on trumpets. This is to show how glad all the priests and the people are that the beautiful new temple is finished. The temple is God's house. Solomon had thousands of men at work in building it, and it took them seven years to finish it.

King Solomon is kneeling down and thanking God for letting him build the temple. And he is asking God if he will not always hear the people when they pray to him there. If the people should do wrong and God should punish them by keeping their corn from growing well, or by sending sickness or trouble upon them, Solomon asks if God will not forgive them when they come to the temple and confess their sin.

Solomon is sitting on his throne. Only kings and queens have thrones. This woman who is sitting by Solomon is a queen. She lives in another country far away. She has come to visit him. She has many servants with her. They rode on camels and brought beautiful presents for Solomon. They are bringing those presents into the room and setting them down before the king. Solomon will give her presents too, and then she will go back to her own home.

Solomon is kneeling down and holding his hands out. He is praying. But he is not praying to God; he is praying to an idol. The idol is on the top of the pillar in front of him. It is made of wood or stone, or perhaps of gold or silver. It looks something like a man, but it cannot move, or speak, or do anything. Yet Solomon is praying to it. Can this be the good King Solomon who minded God and who built the temple? Yes, it is the same. But he did not keep on minding God. He took wicked women for his wives, and they have persuaded him to do this great sin. And God is angry with him and will punish him for it.

This calf is an idol. A wicked king named Jeroboam made it out of gold, and he built a house for it to be kept in. He sent bad men to stay at this house and take care of his idol. He called them priests, like the priests at the temple. But he would not let the people go to the temple to pray to God. He made them come to the idol's house to pray to it. And the people were wicked too, for they were willing to do as the king told them; and they came to the idol's house, and prayed to it, but did not go to God's temple any more.

The lion has killed the man who lies on the ground. He was riding on the ass, and the lion came out of the woods and killed him. The man was going to his home, but God had told him not to go by this way. It was because he had done what God told him not to do that the lion came and killed him.

This man is named Elijah. He is a prophet. He loves God and does everything that God tells him to do. Elijah is all alone out in the woods. The brook that is running by his side gives him water to drink, and the ravens that we see in the picture bring him bread and meat to eat every day, in the morning and in the evening. Elijah is hiding out here in the woods because he is afraid; he is afraid of some wicked people who are hunting him to kill him. But God is taking care of him.

Elijah has come away from the place where he was hiding. The brook that he drank from dried up because there was no rain. Then God said that he should go to the city of Zarephath, and there a widow woman would feed him. The woman is at the gate. Elijah is asking her for

bread. Now, the woman has only a very little flour left, and she was just going to bake it for herself and her son to eat; but as Elijah has asked her she will bake it for him, and God will send more flour for her because she has given his prophet some bread.

This little boy who lies on the bed is the son of the poor woman who gave bread to Elijah. After Elijah came to her house the boy got sick and died. Then his mother came and told Elijah, and he said, Give me your son! And he took him out of her arms and carried him up into his own room, and laid him on his bed. And Elijah prayed and said, O Lord, I beseech thee let this child be made alive! And the Lord heard Elijah's prayer and made the little boy alive again. And Elijah brought him down and gave him to his mother.

Elijah is asleep. He is hiding again from the wicked people who want to kill him. There is no brook here for him to drink out of, and there are no birds to bring him food in the morning and evening. But God has sent an angel to bring him food. As soon as the angel came he wakened Elijah, and Elijah rose up and ate and drank, and then lay down and slept again. And now the angel has come a second time, and touches him and tells him to eat, so that he may be strong enough to go on the journey where God will send him.

Elijah is in a cave alone. God is speaking to him. God tells him to leave the cave and go to another place. As he goes he is to anoint Elisha to be a prophet after him, because the time is coming near when God will take Elijah away from this world up to heaven.

As Elijah goes on his way he meets Elisha ploughing with his oxen in the field. And Elijah as he passes by throws his mantle or cloak over Elisha. And the Lord makes Elisha understand what this means. It means he must leave his home and go with Elijah. So Elisha leaves the oxen and runs after Elijah; and says to him, Let me go first, I pray thee, and kiss my father and my mother good-bye, and then I will come with thee. Then Elisha went to his home to bid his father and mother good-bye, but afterward he came back to Elijah and went with him, to be prophet after Elijah should be taken away.

King Ahab is talking to the man who is turning away from him. The man's name is Naboth. He does not want to hear what King Ahab says. For the king wants to buy Naboth's field. But Naboth does not want to sell his field. He says his father gave it to him, and

he does not want to part with it. The little boy holds a basket with a bag of money in it. It is the king's money. He wants to pay it to Naboth for his field, but Naboth will not take the money. The king is angry with Naboth because he will not sell his field to him.

King Ahab is kneeling down on the ground and hiding his face. He is afraid because he has done a very wicked thing. He has killed good Naboth and taken his field away from him. Elijah is telling Ahab that God will punish him for doing this.

Ahab is riding in his chariot in the midst of battle. Many soldiers are fighting against him with swords and spears and arrows. One of them has shot an arrow that has gone into Ahab's body. Ahab will die of the wound that the arrow has made. God is punishing him for killing Naboth and taking away his field.

Elijah and Elisha are walking through the river Jordan. The water has gone away from this part of the river, so that they can walk on the bottom of the river, on dry ground. The great high waves are standing up on each side of them, but they do not come down to drown Elijah and Elisha. God makes the water stand up on each side of them, and he will not let it come down until they have gone through the river safely to the other side.

God has sent a chariot and horses for Elijah. Elijah gets into the chariot, and it carries him up to heaven. See the angel driving the chariot! It is not such a one as you and I have ever seen. It is a heavenly chariot, more beautiful, and looks as if it were made of fire.

Elijah is holding out his arms. He seems to be crying out with joy that he will reach heaven so soon. Elisha is looking up after him as if he would love to go too. But he must stay behind and be prophet in Elijah's place, for God has many things for him to do.

In this picture we see some children mocking Elisha and making fun of him. For after Elijah was taken up in the chariot to heaven, Elisha was left all alone. And he went away from the place where Elijah left him, and went to a city called Bethel. As he was going some children came out and called him names and cried out after him. They called him "bald head," and

told him to go up in the chariot as Elijah had done. Elisha, when he heard them, turned back, and asked God to punish them for their sin. As soon as Elisha had done this there came two fierce bears out of the woods that tore forty-two of them to pieces.

This is Elisha's servant. His name is Gehazi. He is laying the staff that Elisha walks with on the boy's face. The boy is dead. He is the son of a woman who has been very kind to Elisha. One day the boy went out into the field to his father among the reapers. And while he was there he got sick and cried out to his father, My head! my head! Then his father said to one of the young men, Carry him to his mother. When the young man had carried him into the house to her, she held him on her lap till noon, and then he died. Then his mother made haste to go to Elisha the prophet, and told him that her son was dead. And Elisha told Gehazi to take his staff and go quickly and lay it on the dead boy's face. For Elisha thought that perhaps when Gehazi did this the Lord would make the boy alive again. But very soon Gehazi came back and said he had laid the staff on the boy's face, but he did not awake; he was still dead.

The boy is alive again, his mother has her arms around him, and the prophet is standing in the door. For when his servant told Elisha that the boy did not wake, then Elisha went himself to the house and up into the room where the child was. And he prayed to God, and God made him alive, and Elisha gave him to his mother. Now all her trouble is gone and she is glad and happy.

The man in the river is named Naaman. He had a very dreadful disease called the leprosy. It made sores come out over his body. No doctor could cure him, and he came to Elisha to be cured. Elisha told him to go and bathe in the river Jordan. And now he is bathing there, and he will be well. All these men who are with him are his servants, for Naaman is a very great and rich man. His chariot is waiting for him until he comes out of the river. It was God who made the water cure Namaan, because Elisha prayed it might cure him.

Elisha has a staff, or stick, in his hand. He is standing near the water. Some young men are with him. They are cutting down trees to build a house, and one of them has lost his axe. It slipped out of his hand and sank in the deep water where he could not see it or reach it. Then he was very sorry, for the axe did not belong to him; it was borrowed. And he came and told Elisha. Then Elisha threw his stick in the water, and the axe came up and floated on the top of the water. And the young man put out his hand and took it. It was God who made the heavy iron axe swim for Elisha, because Elisha was God's prophet.

Elisha is lying on the bed. He is sick, and the time has come for him to die. The man who is shooting an arrow is the king. He has come to see Elisha before he dies. Elisha tells the king to open the window and shoot an arrow out of it, as if he were shooting at his enemies. Elisha says that God will help the king to fight against his enemies.

The man sitting high up on a throne is Menahem, king of the Israelites. He is not a good king. He has reigned ten years, but all that time he has done evil. And Pul, the king of Assyria, has come to fight against him. The Assyrians are fierce and cruel men. The Israelites are afraid of them. They cannot drive them away, so Menahem has promised to give the king of Assyria a great deal of money, a thousand talents of

silver, if he will go back to his own land and let him still be king. Menahem did not have all this money himself, but he sent out his servants and made the rich men of his kingdom give it to him. See them bringing in the gold and silver money, rich jewels, and precious stones. Pul, the king of Assyria, is watching them pile up the treasure. Then he will take it and go back to his own land, and will leave Menahem to be king over Israel as he was before.

These soldiers have come to fight against the city of Jerusalem. They carry spears and swords and shields to fight with. The city has a high wall built around it. The people have shut the gates to keep the soldiers out. But they have broken down the wall and made an opening.

And now the soldiers are putting the people out of their city. They are taking them away to another land, because they have done what God told them not to do; they have been unkind to each other, and have prayed to idols instead of to God, and now they are being punished for these things.

The little boy in the picture is named Joash. He is only seven years old. This woman is his grandmother. She is very cruel. Joash had some brothers, and she killed them so that she might be queen. She meant to kill Joash too, but the high-priest hid him in the temple where she could not find him. But after a while the high-priest brought him out and showed him to the other priests and to the men called Levites

who stayed at the temple. And one day the Levites came to the temple and kept guard all around it with spears in their hands, so that no one might go in. And they brought little Joash out of the chamber where he had been hidden so long and put the crown on his head. Then they blew on trumpets and cried, God save the king! We can see them in the picture making Joash king. But the wicked queen was put to death.

These men and women are kneeling down and holding up their hands. They are praying to the idol that is before them, and asking it for help. They have turned away from the one true God, whom they ought to pray to. Behind them stands the good priest with a book in his hand. It has the ten commandments written in it. He is telling them how wicked it is to worship idols. But they will not listen to him. You see some men with

angry faces. They have taken up great stones to throw at the priest. But they cannot frighten him or drive him away, so they will throw the stones at him and wound him and hurt him till he falls down dead. God sees the wicked things they are doing, and will punish them for it. The king is standing beside the idol, looking on while the people do these things. He does not stop them, for he prays to idols himself, and he hates the good priest who tells him he is doing wickedly.

The picture of a well. In the countries we read about in the Bible the brooks and streams do not run through the fields as they do here. The people have to dig wells deep in the ground. It is very hot there and they need much water. The women come with pitchers on their heads. They let these down by ropes into the well, to fill them.

The man on the top of the steps is reading to the people. He is reading God's words to them, so that they may know what it is that God wants them to do. They are listening attentively to those words, and they promise to mind them.

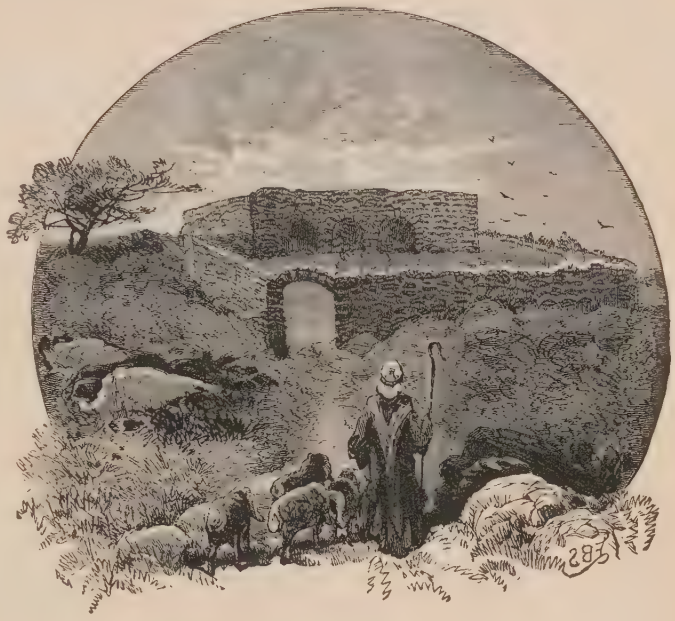
This is King Hezekiah. He is kneeling down in the temple. The king of another country, called Assyria, has sent him a letter saying that he is coming with a great many soldiers to fight against Hezekiah and his people. Hezekiah has read the letter and is troubled. He has brought it in his hand to the temple and spread it out for the Lord to see. Hezekiah has put off his beautiful clothes and put on very coarse clothes made of sackcloth. He does not want to seem rich and great when he comes before the Lord, but poor and like a servant. And now he is telling God what the wicked king says, and he asks God not to let him come into his land. And God heard Hezekiah's prayer, and told Isaiah the prophet to send a messenger to him, to tell him that he will send a great punishment on the king of Assyria and make him go back to his own land. And there, God says, he shall be put to death.

An angel has come down from heaven in the night. He has a sword in his hand. The soldiers are afraid of him, and are trying to flee away from him, for he is killing them. They are strong and brave, they have swords to fight with; but they cannot fight against the angel. God has

sent the angel to kill them, for these are the soldiers that the wicked king of Assyria has brought to fight against good King Hezekiah and his people. We can see Hezekiah praying in the temple and asking God to help him, while the angel is killing his enemies.

King Hezekiah is not troubled now. He is dressed in his royal robes and wears his crown on his head. Some men have come to see him from a far country called Babylon. King Hezekiah has brought them into his house and he is showing them his spears and his shields, his gold and

his silver, and all the beautiful things that he has. He wants the men to see how rich and great he is. When we saw him kneeling down in the temple he was in trouble and he was very humble. But now his trouble has gone away and he has grown proud. But God was more pleased with him when he was humble and praying for help.



The picture of a sheep-pen. It is built of stone and has a wall around it, and a house at one end for the sheep to go into. The shepherd is leading his flock of sheep to the door of the pen. He goes before the sheep, and they follow him. Each sheep has its name, and it comes when the shepherd calls it. He stays with the sheep all the time, in the night as well as in the day, to save them from getting lost.

The soldiers with spears in their hands are taking this man away from his home. He is a king; his name is Manasseh. He has been wicked. He has made idols and prayed to them. And now God is punishing him for these things.

King Josiah is sitting on the high seat called his throne. He is listening to the man who is reading. The man is reading from the roll that he holds in his hands. God's words are written on the roll.

King Josiah is listening to those words. He loves to hear them. He minds what God says, and he teaches all the people to mind him. Josiah is a good king. God is pleased with him, and loves him.

Jeremiah is being lowered down into the dungeon. These wicked men have tied a rope around him and they are letting him down by it. Yet Jeremiah is a good man. He is a prophet. God has sent him to tell these men of the punishment that will come on them if they do not

mind him. But they are angry with Jeremiah. They want to kill him. They have asked the king if they may not put him into this deep pit. The king has given them leave. So they are lowering him down. There is mire at the bottom, and Jeremiah will sink into the mire. But God will remember him and send men to take him out again.

Jeremiah has been taken up out of the dungeon. He is talking to the king and telling him what God wants him to do, but he will not do what Jeremiah tells him. Some soldiers will soon come and take the king and put chains around him. Then they will carry him far away from his home, and they will never let him come back there again.

These people have been taken out of the city and their houses set on fire. They are the children of Israel. They lived in Jerusalem, but their enemies came and fought against them, and took their city, as Jeremiah said they would. They will be carried away to another country called Babylon, and will have to live there for many years.

This is a picture of Jerusalem after the king of Babylon came and took it. He broke down the walls and burned the houses. No person is left in the city. Those who were not killed by the soldiers were carried away to Babylon. All is lonely and quiet, for no people are left.

The children of Israel have been brought to Babylon, and are being sold as slaves. They will have to live among strangers and work very hard.

These men are very sad and sorrowful. They are far away from their own land. They are in a strange city. God has punished them for praying to idols and doing wickedly. They have no king any more, and

no country of their own. But they are sorry for having done wrong, and after awhile God will forgive them. God does not mean wholly to destroy them, but only to punish them for a time, until they repent. Then he will take them for his people again and let them go back to their own land. God will send Ezekiel the prophet to tell them that he will do this.

This is Ezekiel, the prophet. He has a vision, or dream. God sent it to him to show that after awhile he meant to raise up the people of Israel out of their troubles and make them one nation again. Ezekiel thinks he has come into a lonely valley. The ground is covered with dead men's bones. Ezekiel is holding out his hand and speaking to them. God has told him to do this. After he had spoken to the dry bones, he

saw them begin to move and come together until they became bodies of men again. But there was no breath in them; they were dead. And now the Lord commanded Ezekiel to speak to the winds, and say, Come, ye winds, blow upon these dead bodies, that they may have breath, and live. Ezekiel spoke, and the winds blew. Then those that were dead breathed and were alive, and stood up on their feet like a very great army

Here is a table with things on it that are good to eat. Some men are at the table, and some boys too. Four boys are there. The one who is standing up is named Daniel. The other three are Daniel's friends. They are far away from their own home and their own land. The king of Babylon has brought them into his land. Yet he is very kind to

them. They have a house to live in and servants to wait on them, and he sends them food to eat every day. But in the picture we see Daniel pushing away some of the food with his hand. He does not want to eat it. It is nice food, but it is the kind that God has said Daniel must not eat. So he and his three friends will not taste it.

These are Daniel's three friends. They have grown older and larger. They are going away quickly from this place. The other people are not going away. They are praying to that great image that the king has set up. The image is made of gold. The wicked king has told

all the people that they must kneel down and pray to the image. But Daniel's three friends will not pray to it. They are making haste away to some other place where they cannot see the image. What will the king do to them when he finds they will not mind him and pray to the golden image that he has set up?

Here is a great furnace with a fire burning in it. And we see some men in the fire. Who are they? They are Daniel's three friends. For when the king heard that they had not minded him he was very angry, and he sent for them to come to him. When they came he said, Is it true that you have not prayed to the golden image that I set up? Now if you are ready to obey me and pray to my image, no harm shall be done to you; but if you disobey me again, you shall be thrown into the burning fiery furnace, and what God is there who can keep me from throwing you in?

Then the three young men answered the king and said, We are not afraid to tell you what we are going to do. If you cast us into the burning fiery furnace our God, whom we mind, is able to save us from the fire. Yet even if he let us be burned we will not pray to the golden image that you have set up.

Then the king was full of anger, and he said that the furnace should be heated seven times hotter than it was before. And he told some of his strongest soldiers to put chains around the men so that they could not move, and to throw them into the furnace. And the soldiers did as the king said. But when they came near the furnace the flames came out and killed the soldiers, but the young men were thrown into the furnace and fell down in the fire. But soon they rose up and walked.

Then the king when he saw them walking in the fire was astonished, and he said to the great men who were with him, Did we not cast three men into the fire? They answered, Yes, only three. And the king said, But I see four men, loose and walking in the fire, and one of them is an angel that God has sent to save his servants from being burned. Then the king called to the three young men, and they came out of the fire, and no harm had been done to them. When the king saw this he said that the God they minded and prayed to was the only true God, and that all the people in the world must fear him.

The king had a feast, and all the great men came to it. And they sat at the table eating and drinking. And they talked about the idols that they prayed to. These idols were made out of silver and gold. And while they were praising their idols and eating and drinking, all at once there came a hand that wrote some words on the wall. The king saw the hand that wrote, but he could not understand the words. Then he sent for his wise men to come and explain them, but they could not.

And the king was troubled because no one could explain them to him. Then he sent for Daniel, and Daniel came and told him what the words meant. He said that because the king had forgotten God, and prayed to idols instead of praying to him, God was angry with him and would not let him be king any longer. And what Daniel said came true, for that same night a great many soldiers came and they killed the king and made another man king in his place.

Daniel is in the lions' den. This is the way he was put in. Some wicked men persuaded the king to say that nobody must pray to God for thirty days. But Daniel prayed to God three times every day. And the men watched Daniel in his chamber, and when they saw him praying they told the king, and got the king to let them put Daniel in the den

to punish him. They hoped the lions would kill him. But the king was very sorry. He could not sleep all night. Early in the morning he came to the den and called to know if Daniel was alive. Daniel answered that God had kept the lions from hurting him. Then the king took Daniel out; but the wicked men were thrown into the den, and the lions killed them.

This is King Nebuchadnezzar. He is walking on the top of his house. He is looking at the great city of Babylon. Everybody in that great city has to mind him. The king is very proud. He says to himself, See this great city that I have built! It is my city, I am a great king! Nobody else in the world is as great as I am! But God hears the wicked words that the king is speaking, and God says that Nebuchadnezzar shall not be king any more. God will punish him for being so proud and for thinking that he is as great as God.

Nebuchadnezzar is put down from being king. He is not king any more. God has taken away his senses from him. He does not even know how to stand up and walk like a man, but he walks like a beast. He has gone out to live with the wild asses in the field, and to eat grass like oxen, and to sleep on the ground like them.

But after many days God will give him his mind once more, and Nebuchadnezzar will be sorry for being proud and wicked. Then all the great men who were his servants before will come to look for him. They will mind him as they used to do, and he will be king over Babylon again. And Nebuchadnezzar will tell all the people what God has done to him, and how great and good God is.

Where are all these people going? They are going back to their own land. We have read how soldiers came and fought against the Israelites, and burned up their houses, and took the people away from their homes. They were sad and sorry then, but now God is letting them go back.

These are the people who have just come back to their homes, and they are beginning already to build a new temple. The soldiers that burned up their houses, burned up the temple too. It was the beautiful temple that Solomon built. But now the people are going to build a

new temple. The priest who is looking up and lifting up his hands is praying that God will help them build it. The other priests are blowing trumpets to show how glad all the people are that they have come back to their homes, and that they are going to have a new temple, where they can go to pray to God.

These people are glad and happy, for they are in their own homes again at Jerusalem. They can walk about the streets, and the children can play there. There are no soldiers now to make them afraid.

The king is standing up. He is holding the hand of a beautiful young woman. She is kneeling on a cushion before him. The young woman's name is Esther. The king is holding a crown in his other hand. He will put it on Esther's head, for he is going to take her for his wife and make her the queen. She will live in the king's beautiful house, and have a great many servants to wait on her.

Who is this man that is holding his head up so high and looking so proud? He is one of the king's servants. His name is Haman. He thinks himself very great, and he wants all the other servants to bow down to him. And all the other servants do bow down to him except Mordecai. Look at Mordecai standing a little way off, under the wall! He stands up straight, and will not bow down to Haman. Haman is very angry because Mordecai will not bow down to him. He is going to the king to ask if he may not punish Mordecai. He would be glad if he were able to kill him.

This is Esther. She has the crown on her head, for now she is queen. Mordecai is her uncle. He has told her how wicked Haman wants to kill him and all his relations. Esther is telling the king about it. The king will not let Haman do the cruel things that he wants to do to Mordecai.

Here is the king's horse. Who is riding it? It is Mordecai. Did the king say he might do this? Yes, and he said that Haman must lead the horse while

Mordecai rode it through the streets of the city. Instead of killing Mordecai, as he wanted to do, Haman has to wait on him and be his servant.

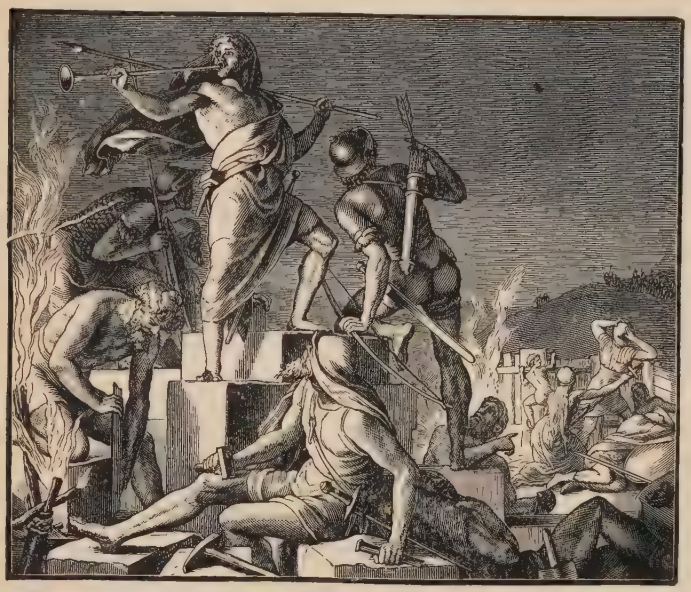
This is the picture of a camel. Camels live in countries where it is very warm. Sometimes there is very little water to drink in those countries, and camels can go a long time without drinking any. They can go four or five days without a drink of water, and all that time they can carry heavy loads on their backs. God made them able to go without water, so that they could work for the men who live in those hot countries. Camels are very strange-looking animals; they have long necks and queer-looking faces, and great humps on their backs. The camel that you see in the picture is not one of the kind that carries heavy loads, but one that men ride on as we do on horses. They go very fast. The man riding on this one is the king's messenger. The king has sent him with a message, and no one must stop him.

The king is sitting in his palace and the queen is beside him. The man who is kneeling down before him is his cup-bearer; this means that whenever the king wants to drink this man hands him his cup. For when the king wants anything he does not get up and wait on himself like you or me. He has somebody to wait on him. And one day when the cup-bearer was waiting on the king, the king said to him, Why does your face look so sad to-day? Surely you have some trouble in your heart that you have not told me. What is

it that you want me to do for you? Then the cup-bearer answered that he wanted the king to let him go far away, to the city of Jerusalem, where he was born, that he might build up its walls, for although the Jews had gone back there they had not been able to make the city as it was before. Its walls had been burned and broken down by enemies. And the king said he might go.

The cup-bearer has come to the city of Jerusalem. It was a long journey there, but the king sent soldiers and horsemen to guard him by the way. He is not cup-bearer now; he is governor of the city, for the king said he should be governor. His name is Nehemiah. We see him

on horseback in the picture. He has come out in the night to look at the walls of the city where they have been broken down and burned. He will have them built up, so that no robbers or bad men can come into the city to do the people harm. All the men in the city, and even some of the women there, will work at the walls until they are built up again.



The new wall is being built. These men are at work on it. But some of them have swords by their sides, and one of them is blowing a trumpet. What does this mean? It means that some bad men who do not want a wall built, are coming to stop them. We can see those men on the hill a good way off. They have spears and swords and bows and arrows. But the men who are building the wall are watching them, and those bad men will be afraid to come any nearer.

Two oxen are drawing a cart. It does not look like the carts that we see. And the man who drives it is not dressed in such clothes as we wear. He lives in another country far away from here. He has been with his cart out in the field, and loaded it with grain. And now he is hauling the grain to the barn to put it away carefully there. They use such strange-looking carts as this in the countries that we read about in the Bible.

In the old times the Israelites had a feast called the Feast of Trumpets. On the night when the new moon was to come in the sky men stood upon the hills around Jerusalem to watch for it. As soon as they saw it they made haste into the city to bring the news.

Then fires were kindled on the tops of the hills, so that all the people in the land might know that the feast had begun. The people crowded to the temple to pray, and the silver trumpets were blown, and every one rested from his work as he did on the Sabbath day. God told the people to have this feast once every year.

All the people are gathered together that the priest may read to them. The priest's name is Ezra. He is reading God's words to the people. God spoke these words to Moses many years ago, and Moses wrote them down in a book. Moses is dead now, and he cannot read to the people any more. But the priest can read the same words to them out of the book. And now Ezra stands up on a pulpit made out of wood, where all the people can see him. And he opens the book and reads to the

men and women and little children who stand listening to him. Other priests help Ezra. They explain God's words to the people, so that they may all understand what it is that God wants them to do. And when the people hear God's words, and remember how often they have not minded him, they are very sorry. They mourn and weep for the wrong things they have done. They ask God to forgive them and not to punish them as they deserve. God will forgive them if they are sorry for their sins and will do them no more.

A picture of angels. We do not know how the angels look. We know they are perfectly good and happy, and that they live up in heaven And so when we draw pictures of them we draw them as beautiful as we can. And we do not know that they have wings, but we draw them with wings because they can go swiftly wherever God tells them to go, no matter how far it is.

Perhaps the angels are near us sometimes when we do not know it. For God sends them to help those persons who love him. When we are very sick perhaps they come into our room and by our bed, to take away our pain and make us well. Or when we are going along some street or some road where we would be hurt if we went on, perhaps they come and take our hand and lead us another way, although we cannot see them or feel their touch.

But after we die, if we are God's children, we shall see them. For then they will come and take us up to heaven. There we shall live with them and be as happy and as good as they are. Let us remember this—that if we are God's children we shall live with the angels and be like them. Shall we not try and be like them now?

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THE ANGEL'S GIFT.

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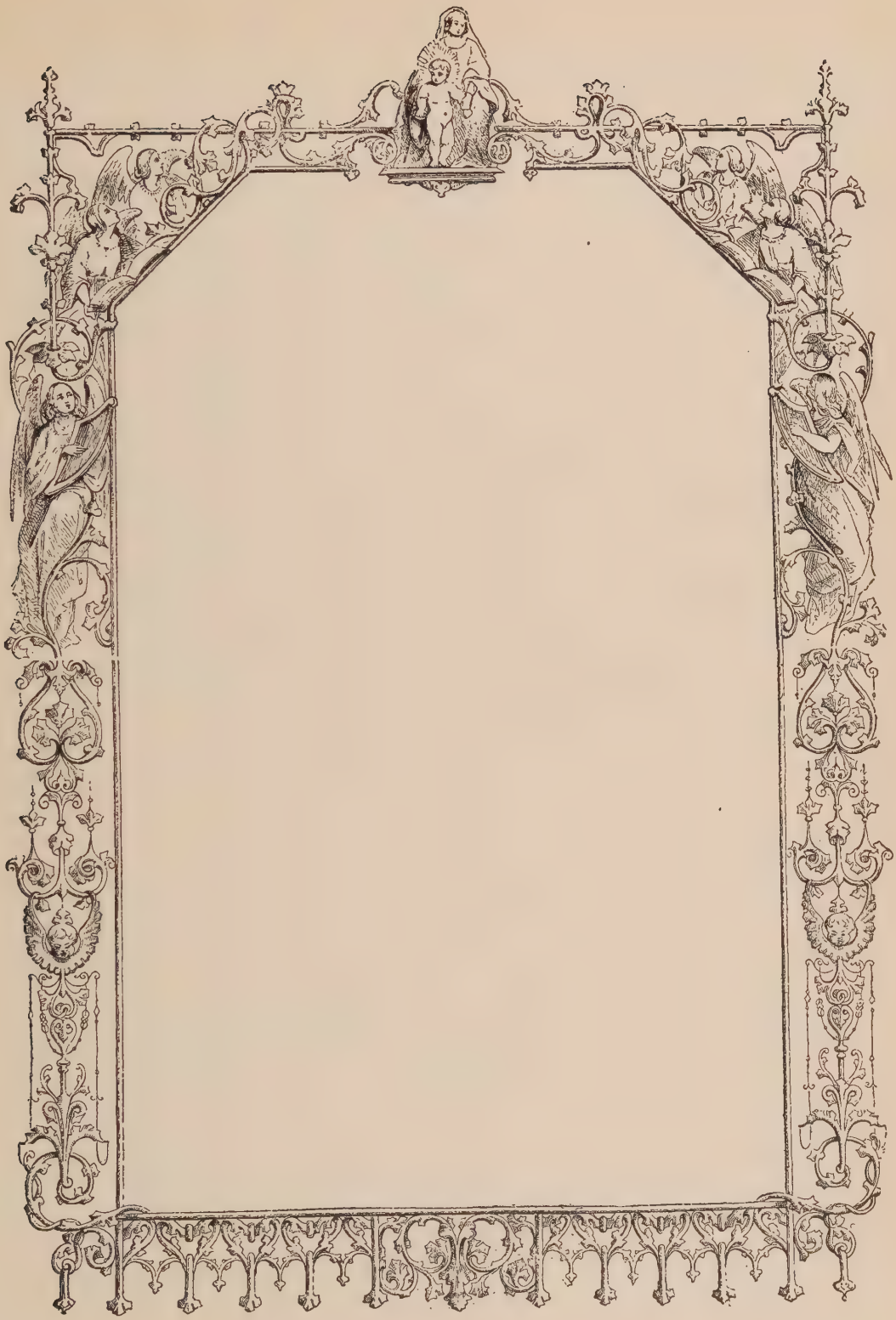

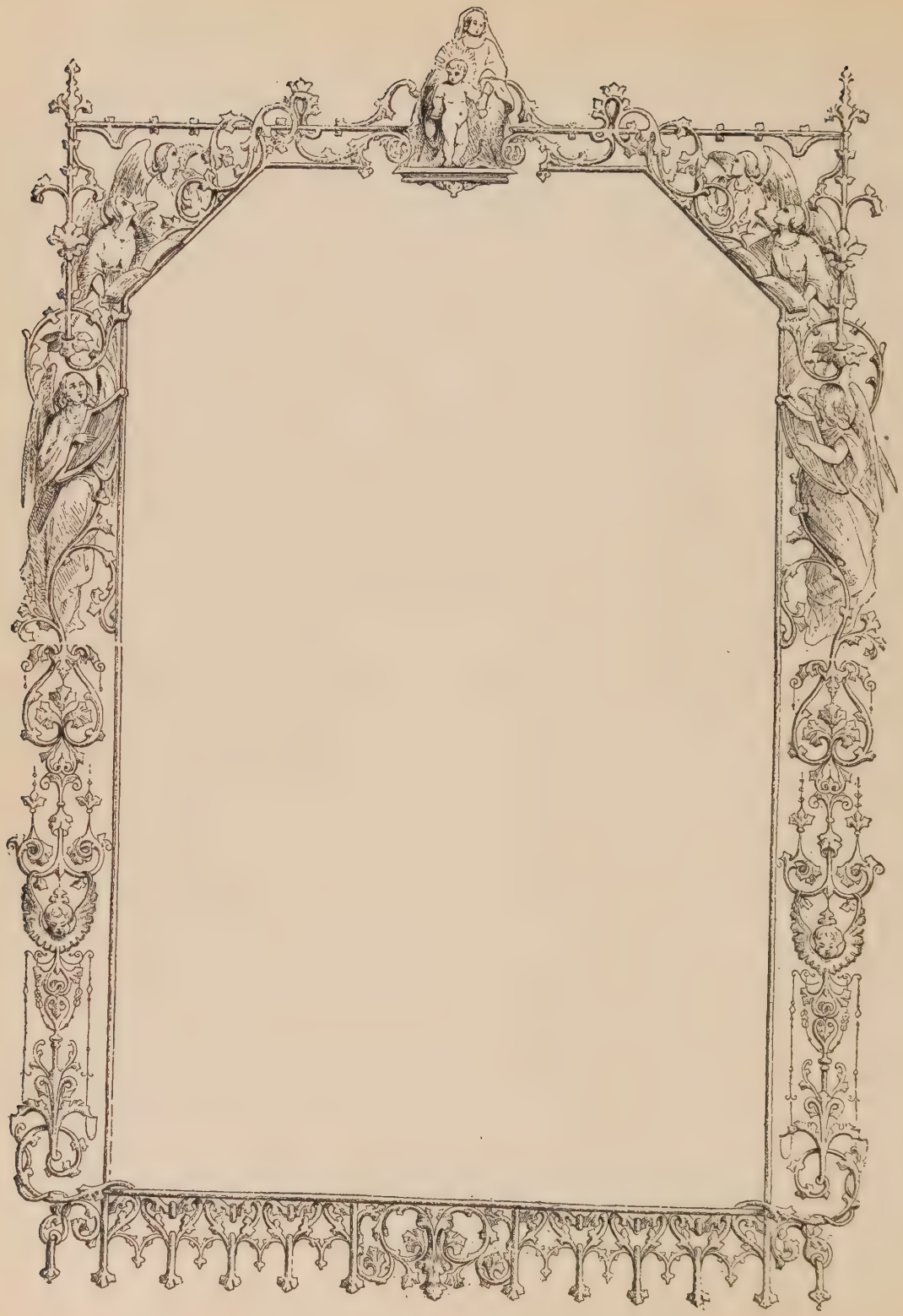

THE NEW TESTAMENT.

For ages the Gospel Story has inspired the genius of artists, and among the famous pictures of the world the most renowned are those of sacred subjects. Raphael, Titian, Leonardo da Vinci, Correggio and their fellows in earlier times; and Hofmann, Plockhorst, Bodenhausen, Bouguereau and others of a later day, have given noble examples of their art which call forth the admiration of every one.

While the illustrations in this book are intended chiefly to elucidate and make plain to the reader the Bible Stories which accompany them, it has been thought proper to include also reproductions of some of these celebrated pictures. A number of the most beautiful examples of sacred art have therefore been photo-engraved, and faithful copies of them printed in this volume.

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THE ANGEL APPEARS TO MARY.

FROM THE PAINTING BY F. GOODALL.

THE HOLY MOTHER.

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THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.

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JESUS IN THE TEMPLE WITH THE LEARNED MEN.

BIBLE PICTURES,

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THE NEW TESTAMENT.

FROM THE PAINTING BY MURILLO.

You see an angel in the picture speaking to a young woman whose name is Mary. The angel has come down from heaven to speak to Mary. When she saw the angel coming she was afraid. But the angel told her not to be afraid, for God was pleased with her, and would give her a son, and she should call his name JESUS. And Jesus should be great, the angel said, for he would be the son of God.

FROM THE PAINTING BY W. A. BOUGUEREAU.

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE HOLY CHILD.

FROM THE PAINTING BY F. ITTENBACH.

God has given Mary a son. Mary, and Joseph her husband, are in the city of Bethlehem. They do not live in Bethlehem; they came to stay only a little while, and they went to the inn, where travellers stop, to sleep. But the inn was full; there was no room for them, so they came into a stable to sleep. And God gave Mary the son the angel had promised her. It was not in a beautiful house such as kings have that Jesus was born. His mother had no bed or cradle to lay him in. So when she had wrapped some clothes around him she laid him in the manger.

These shepherds are taking care of their sheep in the night-time, and everything is still. But all at once they hear a voice. They look up and see an angel speaking to them. At first the shepherds are very much frightened, but the angel says, Fear not, for I bring good news to you and to all the people. To-day, in the city of Bethlehem, a Saviour

is born: his name is Christ the Lord. If you go to Bethlehem you can see him lying in a manger. After the angel had said this many more angels came into the sky, and they all cried out together these beautiful words, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Then the angels went away up into heaven again.

The shepherds have come to see Jesus in the stable. For as soon as the angels were gone from them, up into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us go now and see this little child that the angel has told us about. So they left their sheep out in the field, and made haste to Bethlehem. And they went into the stable, and there they saw Jesus, in the manger, where his mother had laid him. And they were glad when they saw him.

The shepherds are going back to their sheep in the field. But as they go they stop and tell all the people where they have been, and what they have seen, and what the angel told them about Jesus.

These are wise men. They have come from another country a long way off. Why did the wise men leave their homes and come so far? It was to see Jesus they came. And God has sent a star before them to show them the way. The star is moving along, up in the sky, and it will stop right over the house where Jesus is.

The wise men have come into the house, and they see Mary, and Joseph, and the little child. They have brought beautiful presents from that country where they live. And now they take out those presents, and give them to Jesus, and they bow down before him. They give him three things, gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And after they had given him these things, the wise men went back to their own homes.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST COME TO SEE JESUS.

It is night and Joseph is asleep, and Mary and her baby are asleep. But while all is still an angel comes into the room. God has sent the angel to wake Joseph and tell him that he must rise up and make haste, and take Mary and the little child away, because wicked men are coming to kill him. He must take them to another country, the angel says. The name of that country is Egypt.

Mary, with Jesus in her arms, is riding on the ass. Joseph walks by her side with his staff in his hand. They are going where the angel told Joseph to go, into the land of Egypt. It is a long way there, but God will take care of them, and bring them safely to that land.

FROM THE PAINTING BY W. A. BOUGUEREAU.

JOSEPH TOOK THE YOUNG CHILD AND HIS MOTHER AND WENT INTO EGYPT.

These poor women are in great trouble. One is lifting up her hands and calling to her little child, another is covering her face and crying. But their babies cannot hear them, they are dead. Some soldiers have been there and killed them. Who sent the soldiers to do so cruel a thing? It was the wicked King Herod. He wanted them to kill Jesus. But Joseph had taken Jesus away. So they killed all the other little children in the city of Bethlehem.

Mary and Joseph have brought the little child into the temple to name him, and they name him Jesus, as the angel told Mary to do, before he was born. A good man named Simeon is holding the baby in his arms, and a very old woman named Anna, is leaning on her staff beside him.

JOSEPH AND MARY GO FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. St. Luke ii. 4.

Jesus is twelve years old. He is walking with Joseph and Mary. They are on a journey. They are going to Jerusalem. Why do they go there? To keep the Feast of the Passover. Long ago the angel

FROM THE PAINTING BY O. MENGELBERG.

passed over the houses of the Israelites when they were in Egypt. But the angel did not pass over the Egyptians. He went into their houses and made the oldest child to die. The Jews keep the Feast of the Passover every year, to show they remember how kind God was to them.

These men are in the temple. They have great books in their hands. They have studied those books, and know many things. But this little boy who is sitting among them, knows things about God that they do not know. He is talking to them about those things. Who is this little boy? It is Jesus. He has come into the temple by himself. But Mary and Joseph were afraid he was lost. They have been looking for him, and have just come into the temple and found him. He will go home with them and mind all they say to him.

This is John the Baptist. He is sitting in a wild place among the rocks, and woods. This is where he lives, all alone. He has no one to make bread for him out here in the woods, so he eats the honey that the wild-bees make. We see the bees and their nest in one corner of the picture. And John eats locusts too. Locusts are little insects like grasshoppers. He is roasting some now, in a fire by his side. John is a prophet, and he is a very good man.

John is talking to these men and women. For God has told John that he must not live alone any longer. He must go and talk to the people, and teach them. So now he is telling them that Jesus is God's own Son, and that he came down from heaven, and that they must love him and mind him.

This is a wedding feast. Jesus has been invited to it. Nice things to eat are on the table. On the floor are six jars to hold water. A man is filling them with water. Jesus will make the water change into wine. He will not touch the water, or put anything into it. He will only tell the water to be wine, and it will change into wine. The water will mind Jesus. Everything must mind him because he is God's Son.

This man has come to see Jesus. Jesus is talking with him. His name is Nicodemus. He is listening to what Jesus says. Jesus is teaching him about God, and telling him what he must do to please God. Nicodemus wants to please God, and to be one of God's children.

Jesus is in the temple. He has a whip in his hand. He is driving these people out of the temple. They have brought doves, and other things into the temple to sell. It was wicked in them to bring things into the temple to sell. The temple is God's house where the people come to pray to him. They should not buy and sell things in the temple.

Jesus is talking to a young man. He is a rich young man; see the beautiful clothes he is wearing. He has come to Jesus to ask what good thing he shall do, so he may go to heaven after he dies and be happy there with the angels. Jesus tells the young man he must do these things: love his father and mother; speak the truth; be honest in all things; and be kind to his neighbors. The young man says he has done all this since he was a little boy. When Jesus heard that he said, There is yet one thing more for you to do; sell everything you have, and give the money to the poor; then come and follow me. When the rich young man heard this he was very sorry, and went away, for he could not bear to become poor even for Jesus.

FROM THE PAINTING BY B. PLOCKHORST.

CHRIST THE CONSOLER.

This is the prison. The man who is kneeling down on the floor is John the Baptist. The king has put him in prison. John's hands are tied behind him so that he cannot move them. But what is that man doing who has a sword lifted up? He is going to cut off John's head. A wicked woman and her daughter have persuaded the king to send this man into the prison to kill John.

John is dead. Some good men are carrying his dead body. They are going to bury him in his grave. They love John, one of them is kissing his feet. They are carrying him very carefully to bury him.

Here is a well. Jesus has been walking a long way. He is tired and is sitting down by the well to rest. This woman has come to the well to fill her pitcher with water. Jesus asks her to give him a drink out of her pitcher. He talks with the woman, and tells her about God.

A man is kneeling down before Jesus. He is a rich and great man, and has everything to make him happy, but now he is in trouble. His son is very sick, and he is afraid he will die. He is asking Jesus to come to his home and make his son well, for he loves his son very much, and does not want him to die. Jesus is speaking kindly to the man; he tells him his son shall get well. The man will go to his home and find his son well.

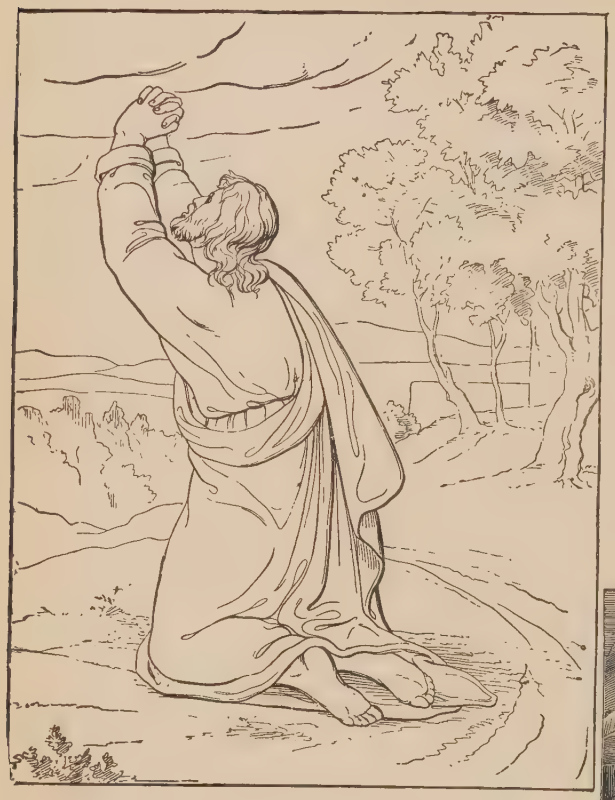
FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

JESUS TALKS WITH THE WOMAN AT THE WELL.

The Sick People are Laid in the Streets and Jesus Makes Them Well.

Jesus is in the boat. The men who are in the boat with him are fishing. They have a net. The net is made of twine. It is what they put down in the water to catch fish with. They have been trying to catch some fish, but could not catch any. Jesus tells them to put the net down again. They do as he tells them, and now it is filled with fish. Jesus made the fish come to the place where the men could catch them.

This is a room inside of a house. Many people are there. Jesus is in the room with them. A woman is lying on the bed. She is sick with a fever. They ask Jesus to make her well. He takes hold of her hand and lifts her up, and the sickness goes away and she is well. Then she gets up from the bed and waits on the people who are in the house.



Jesus is kneeling down on the ground and praying. It is very early in the morning, before other people are up out of their beds. But Jesus got up, even before it was light, and he came out of the city, to this lonely place where no one lived, and where nobody would see him or hear him. And here he is kneeling down on the ground and praying to God.

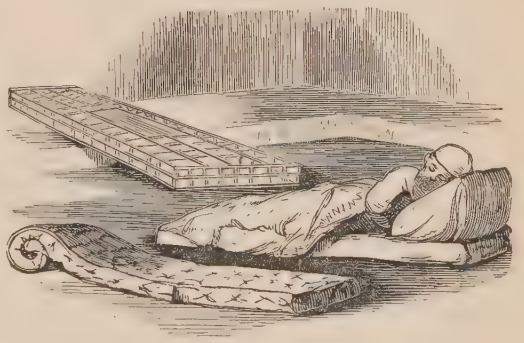
Jesus is speaking to the man who is kneeling down before him. This man has a sickness, called the leprosy. It has made sores come out over his body. He can walk about, he does not have to go and lie down in his bed. Yet he is very sick and no doctor can cure him. So he comes to Jesus, and begs him to make him well. And Jesus is sorry for the poor man, and puts out his hand and touches him, and just by touching him he makes the man well. The leprosy goes away and he is not sick any more. Then the man was so glad that he went out and told all the people how Jesus had cured him.

FROM THE PAINTING BY A. DIETRICH.

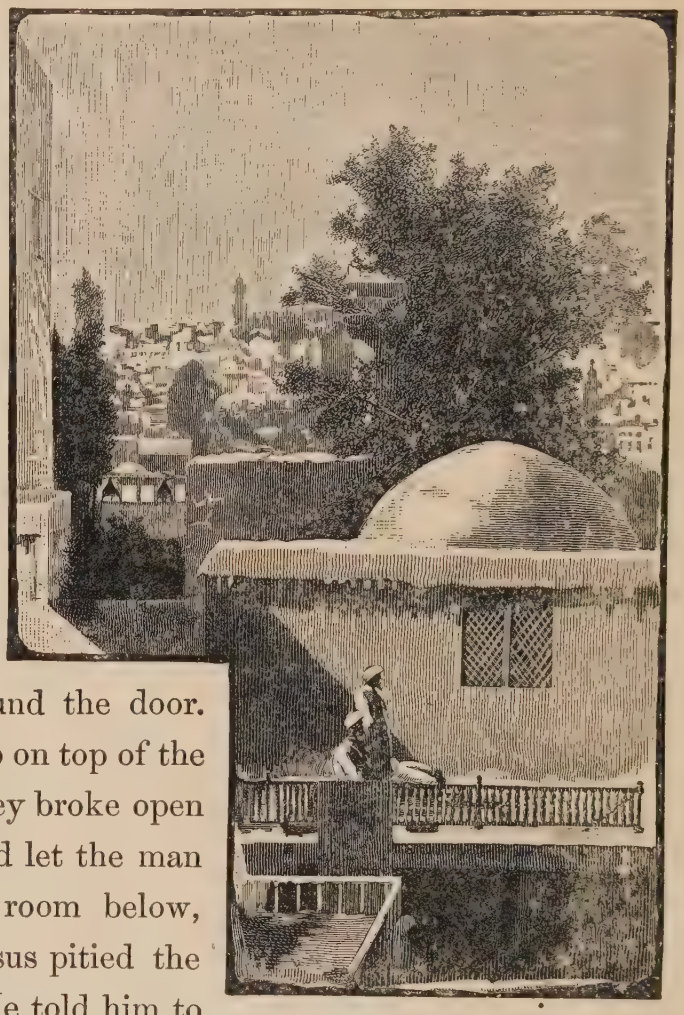
JESUS THE FRIEND OF THE SICK AND SORROWFUL.

This is a picture of Jesus knocking at the door. He is asking to come in. The picture means to show that Jesus is always ready to come into our hearts if we will but let him in.

This picture shows us the roofs of the houses. The houses in that country were not high houses, two or three stories high, like the houses we live in; they were low houses, most of them only one story high. And the roofs were flat, so that persons could go up, of a pleasant summer evening, and walk there. They went up by steps from the inside of the house. A railing, or wall, was built around the edge of the roof to keep persons from falling off. And sometimes a little room was built on the roof, where persons could go, and be alone, and say their prayers.



This man is lying down on a bed, or mattress. It is the kind of bed that people slept on in that country. It had no bedstead, with legs and a head-board, like the beds we sleep on. It was only a long mattress, or cushion, such as we see in the picture, and it lay on the floor, or on the ground. It was very easy for any one after he had been asleep, to pick up his bed and carry it away with him.



The poor man who is being lowered down, in the large picture on the opposite page, was very sick. His friends thought if they could only bring him to Jesus, that Jesus would make him well. But the man could not walk, so they carried him on his bed to the house where Jesus was. But when they got there, they could not come in because there was such a crowd of people around the door. So they took the sick man up on top of the house, on to the roof, and they broke open a place through the roof, and let the man down on his bed into the room below, where Jesus was. Then Jesus pitied the man, and made him well. He told him to rise up and take up his bed and carry it to his home. So the man rose up and carried his bed. Before Jesus spoke to him he was so weak and sick he could not stand up. He had to lie on his bed all day, and could not go out unless his friends carried him. But now he could not only stand up, but he could pick up his bed and carry it himself. How glad he must have been to be able to walk again. When the people saw the man was cured, they said. We have seen a wonderful thing to-day.

This great wall is built up around a city. All the cities in that land used to have walls built around them. These walls had gates in them. The people used to shut the gates at night to keep out bad men, and robbers, who might come to do them harm. This wall in the picture was built around the city of Jerusalem. You can see a gate in it. This gate was called the sheep-gate, because the people used to take sheep through it into the city. It is not night now and the gate is open. We see flocks of sheep going up the road that leads to it. They have just come in from the green fields where they were eating the grass. The shepherd walks before each flock, and the sheep follow him. He is very kind to his sheep. Each sheep has its name. It knows the shepherd's voice, and will come when he calls it. But it will not come when some stranger calls it whose voice it does not know.

FROM THE PAINTING BY B. PLOCKHORST.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Holy Bible. It lies on the table with other books; it has pages and leaves and a cover on the outside, like them, and yet it is very different from them all. Why is the Bible different from all the other books when it looks just the same? Because it has God's words written in it, but the other books have only men's words written in them.

God told some good men the words he wanted them to write, and they wrote down the words that he told them. Afterward those words were printed in a book, and that book is the Bible.

And Jesus told the people who were listening to him that they should read in the Bible, because it is the book that tells about him.

Suppose you had done wrong, and your father was angry with you and was going to punish you, but your brother was sorry for you, and he came and asked to be punished in your place. Would not that show how much your brother loved you?

This is the way that Jesus did for us. We have done wrong, and God was going to punish us; but Jesus loved us so much that he came down from heaven to be punished in our place. The Bible is the book that tells us about this.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN.

Here is a pool, or little pond of water, called the pool of Bethesda. It was in the city of Jerusalem near to the sheep-gate. Sometimes the water in the pool moved as if somebody went into it. The people thought that an angel went into it then. Many poor sick persons waited there for the angel to come, so they might go in the pool and be cured while the water was moving.

A man was there who had been sick a great many years. He could not stand up, and he was lying down on his bed. When Jesus saw him and knew how long he had been sick, he pitied him. And Jesus told the man to stand up and walk. And at once he was able to do it. For thirty-eight years he had been sick, but now, in one moment, he was made well. How glad he was to leave the bed he had lain on so long!

Sick People Waiting at the Pool.

Jesus is walking through the field where the corn is growing. Some good men are with him. Who are these men? They are men that Jesus has chosen to stay with him, and go with him wherever he goes. They are called apostles. I want you to remember this word. The men who stay with Jesus all the time are named apostles. There are twelve of them.

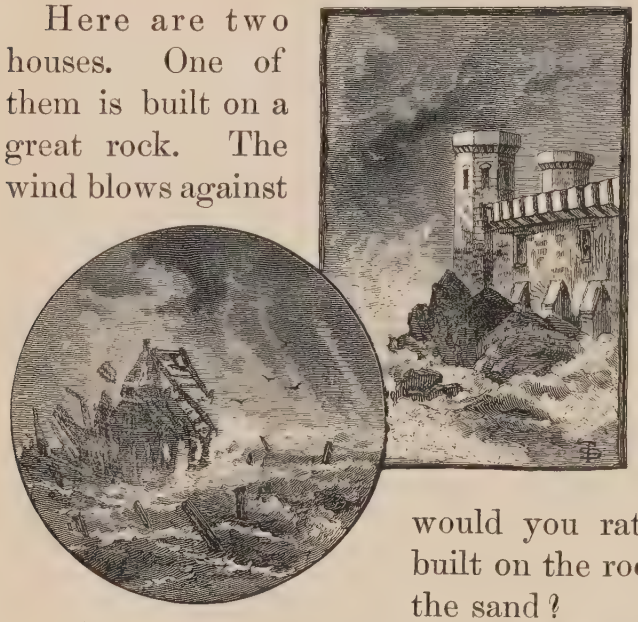
The people are in church. Jesus is in the church with them. He has told a man to stand up and hold out his hand. Why has Jesus told him to do this? Because the man has something the matter with his hand. He cannot open and shut it as you can yours. He cannot work with his hand and earn money to buy bread for his little children to eat. Jesus pities the poor man, and he has told him to stand up because he is going to make his hand well. And Jesus said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And at once the man's hand was made well, and he could stretch it out like the other. Before that time he could not move it at all. But Jesus made it strong and well by only speaking those few words. And now the man could go and earn money to buy bread for his little children to eat.

PHARISEES FIND FAULT WITH THE DISCIPLES FOR PLUCKING GRAIN ON THE SABBATH.—St. Luke vi. 2.

A soldier is kneeling down on the ground before Jesus. He has his sword at his side and his helmet on his head, and he is wearing the iron coat that he wears when he goes to battle. But he is not thinking of battle now, he is in trouble. He has a servant at home that he loves, and the servant is very sick and the soldier is afraid he will die. He is asking Jesus to make him well. Jesus tells the soldier to go to his home, for his servant shall get well. And when the soldier comes to his home, he will find that the sickness has gone away and his servant is well.

The sheep has fallen down into a deep pit in the field. It was eating the grass that grew around the edge, and it stepped a little too near and fell in. It was not hurt, for its thick wool was like a cushion for it to fall on. But how should it get out again? It had no water to drink, or grass to eat, down in the pit. It bleated and bleated, and that was all it could do. But its bleating did not sound far enough for anybody to hear. But the shepherd missed his sheep, and he started out to look for it. He came to the edge of the pit and looked down, and there it was. Then he went for a rope and brought a man to help him, and soon the sheep was pulled up again out of the pit. Will it remember the fall that it had, and the danger it was in, and not go near the pit again?

Jesus is teaching the people; he is sitting on a little hill or mount, and the people are seated around him, listening to what he says to them. Jesus is telling them what they must do if they want to be God's children. They must not be proud, and think themselves very good. Instead of this, they must remember how often they have done wrong and offended God, and they must be sorry for it. If they are truly sorry, they will be careful not to do the wrong thing again. And Jesus told the people they must be kind to one another. If they saw a person in any trouble, they should not leave him to get out of it by himself, but should try and help him. And they must be kind to dumb beasts too. Sometimes little children are cruel to dumb beasts, but God is not pleased with them when they are so. And we must not quarrel with one another, or be angry with one another. And when any person is unkind to us, we must not be unkind to that person again, but we must be kind to him, and help him whenever we can. And we must try all the time, Jesus says, to please God.



Here are two houses. One of them is built on a great rock. The wind blows against the rock and the water washes against it, but the rock is so strong that it does not move, and it holds the house up so that it does not fall. The other house is built on the soft sand. And the wind comes and blows against it, and the water washes the sand away from underneath it, and the house is falling down and being broken to pieces. Which would you rather live in, the house that is built on the rock, or the house that is built on the sand?

These people are carrying a dead man to his grave. His poor mother is standing by him. She is crying because her son is dead and she will not see him any more. But Jesus meets them as they are going to the grave. He sees the mother crying. He pities her and tells her not to cry. Then he speaks to the dead man. He says, Young man, I tell you to rise! And as soon as Jesus speaks these words the dead man comes to life again, he sits up, and begins to speak, and Jesus gives him to his mother.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

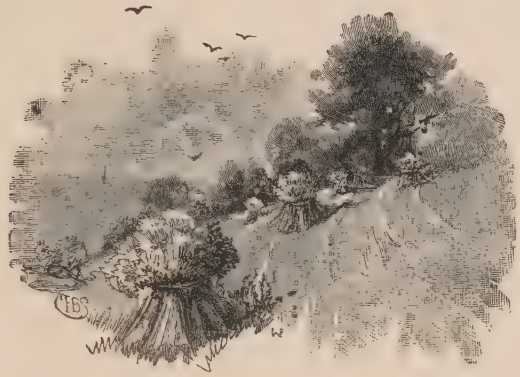
JESUS CURES THE SICK.

This man is looking at his wheat and corn as it lies spread over the ground. The wheat and the corn grew out in his fields, and his servants went out and cut it down. Then they put it in wagons and hauled it to the barn. But the barn is full, no more will go in. The man looks at his grain lying all around him in bundles and bags, and he says to himself, I cannot leave it here for the birds and the beasts to eat it, and for the rain to fall on it and spoil it, and there is no room for it in my barn. What shall I do with it? Then when he had thought a little while, he said, This is what I will do. I will pull down this old barn and build a larger one, and I'll put away all my grain and my fruits in that. Then I will have plenty of everything that I want to last me for a very long time.

The men are building the new barn. Some are driving nails, some are sawing wood, some are carrying heavy pieces of board. One of them is the head-workman. The master is talking to him and telling him what he wants done. Then the head-workman will go and tell the other workmen what the master says. And all the men are working together, and they are working very hard, for the master wants his barn finished very soon.

Here are two pictures in one. At one side we see the master sitting at a table. The table is covered with silver and gold. He is counting it to see how rich he is. But on the other side of the picture what do we see? The master lying dead! But did he die so soon? Yes, a little while ago he was out with the men who were building his barn. He was telling them exactly how he wanted it built, so that he could put away all his grain and his fruits there; for he expected to use it a great many years. Then, after he had done talking with his men, he came into his house and sat down to count his money; and that very same night he died. It was God who made the rich man die. But what was the reason? It was because the rich man did not care for God. God had given him his riches, but he did not thank God for them; he did not care to do what would please God with them. All he cared for was to please himself. And so, all at once, when he thought he was going to live a great while, and do just as he wanted to do, God made him die. Then he had to go away and leave the money that he loved so much, yes, that he loved more than he loved God.

This is a farmer. He lives in that house on the hill. He has lived there ever since he was a little boy. It is the house where his father and mother lived. But it does not always look so pleasant there as it does now. In winter the snow is on the ground, there are no leaves on that great tree; no birds, and no flowers in the garden. The wind blows very hard then, and is very cold. But now winter has gone and spring has come. The leaves are out and the birds are here. The farmer has ploughed his field, and he is sowing the grain. The bag that he carries in front of him is filled with little grains of wheat. He takes it out by handfuls and scatters it over the ground. And the rain will fall on it there and the sun will shine on it, and the little grains will make roots and grow, and they will bear a great deal more wheat for the farmer than he carried out into the field and planted.



Here is the wheat after it has grown up in the field. At first it was only a little green leaf, just peeping up above the ground. Every day it grew a little higher than it was the day before. When no rain came it did not grow so fast, but after a good long rain, and when the sun came out bright and warm, it grew so fast that the farmer said he could almost see it growing.

Yet it took a long time. The farmer had to wait patiently. He often went out to the field and looked at it. For sometimes a little insect comes that hurts the wheat, and sometimes the rust grows on it and spoils it. But God kept these things away, and he sent the rain and the sunshine instead. And so at last, after it had been growing a good many weeks, it began to change color. It changed from green to the color of gold. Then the farmer knew that his wheat was ripe, and he went out and cut it down and tied it up in these large bundles that we see in the picture. They are called sheaves. Very soon he will take the bundles apart and thresh the grains of wheat out of them. Then he will put the grains into bags and carry them to the mill. And the miller will grind them up into flour for the farmer and his little children to eat.

An Eastern Sower.

These men are asleep under the tree. They are tired and are resting, because they have been at work out in the field. First they ploughed the field. Then they walked all over it, sowing grains of wheat in the ground. After that they lay down under the tree to rest. And they all fell asleep. But who is this that is walking very softly by them, trying not to waken them? It is a wicked man who is sowing bad seed in their field. He has been waiting until he saw that the men were not watching any longer. He is their enemy, and he wants the bad seed that he is sowing to mingle and grow up with the good seed. For when the good seed and the bad seed are both in the ground together, they must grow up together, and then it will be hard and troublesome work to separate them.

Here we see the field after the seed has grown up in it. The good seed and the bad seed have grown up together. The farmer and his hired men are hard at work cutting it down. But look, they have a fire in one corner of the field! What are they doing there? They are burning up the bad seed that the wicked man sowed. But the good seed, the wheat, they are tying up in bundles. They will carry these to the barn, and put them away carefully there.

Jesus is walking with his apostles through the streets of the city. A great many men and women and little children are following him. In the crowd is a poor woman who has been sick for a long while. She has been to many doctors and asked them to cure her. She has given them all her money, yet they cannot make her sickness go away. Now she says to herself, If I can only go up behind Jesus, and touch him with my hand, I shall be well. So she comes up behind him softly and touches him, and in a moment she feels she is well. But Jesus looks around, and she is frightened. She is afraid he will be displeased with her for what she has done. But he is not displeased; he speaks kindly to her, and calls her daughter, and tells her she has done right, and not to be afraid.

FROM THE PAINTING BY J. M. H. HOFMANN.

Here is a river. A great many people are on the shore. A boat is drawn up near them. Jesus is in the boat, he is teaching the people, and they are listening to him on the shore. We would love to listen to Jesus, and hear the words that he spoke. We cannot do this, but we can read those very same words in the Bible. Do we love to read them there, and do we always mind them?

This man took a very small seed in his hand. It was called a mustard seed. And he went out by himself and planted it in the field. Then he left it and went back to his home. But a few days afterward he went out in the field again, to the place where he had planted the mustard seed. And there a little bush had grown up. But it was very small, just peeping above the ground. In the picture we see the man standing and looking at it.

This is the same man that planted the mustard seed, but now he has a friend with him. They are looking at something that has grown up out of the ground. It is the little mustard seed that has grown up into a tree. The man that planted it is telling his friend how little it was, but now it has grown so large that the birds can come and sit in its branches.

This man is out in the field alone. He has brought his pick and shovel with him. He knows there are many things hidden under the ground that he would like to have. Sometimes diamonds are hidden there, and other beautiful stones. He thinks perhaps some of them are hidden in this field. He begins to dig in the ground to see what he can find. He digs a long time, but does not find anything. He is tired and says he will not dig any more. But yonder is a great rock on the other side of the field. It has a hole in its side. He will try digging there before he goes home. He takes his pick and digs out a little earth. He scrapes some of it up in his hand, and looks at it, and what does he see? A piece of gold! There is gold here, he cries. O, if this field were only mine then I would be a rich man!

These men are standing on the shore near to the water. We can see the waves, and a good way off we can see a boat sailing. One of the men has no hat on, or coat, or shoes. He has been swimming down under the water. And down on the bottom of the sea he found that shell that he holds in his hand. It has a beautiful white stone in it called a pearl. The man he is showing it to wants the pearl, but he has not enough money to buy it.

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The man who is standing up is the one who wanted the beautiful pearl, but he had not enough money to buy it. So he has come to this man who is sitting down to get the money. The money is on the table, tied up in little bags. But will the man who is sitting down let him have it? Yes, for he is going to give that man his house, and his land, and everything he has for the money. Then he will take it and give it all for the beautiful pearl. He wants that pearl so much that he is willing to sell everything he has so that he may go and pay for it.

Jesus is walking alone. The wind is blowing and the rain is falling. We can see the birds flying away to their nests, and we see a fox that is just creeping into his hole in the ground. The birds and the foxes have homes where they can go and stay out of the wind and the rain, but Jesus is so poor that he has no home. But he was not always poor. He used to live up in heaven, and he was not poor there. He had everything to make him happy.

Why, then, did he come down to this world to be poor, and to have trouble? It was because he loved us and he wanted to make us good, so that we might go up to heaven, too, after we die. If Jesus loved us so much as to come down from heaven for us, we ought to love him.

This is a storm on the sea. The wind is blowing very hard and the boat is being tossed about by the waves. The apostles are in the boat, and Jesus is with them. He is asleep. But the apostles are afraid. They come to him quickly and waken him, and say, Save us, or we shall be drowned! Jesus will awake and he will stand up in the boat, and speak to the winds and the waves and tell them to be still. Then the winds will not blow any more, and the waves will be still and smooth. The apostles ought not to be afraid while Jesus is with them. They have seen him turn water into wine at the wedding feast. They have seen him make sick persons well, and they saw him make a dead man alive. They ought to know that the winds and the waves will mind him, and that as long as he is with them the storm cannot do them any harm.

These two boats are floating on the water. They are filled with men. The men are fishermen. They have a long net, that reaches from one boat to the other. A little while ago they let it down into the water to catch fish in it. The fish were swimming along under the water. They came to the net and tried to get through it. But they could not; they were caught in the net. And now the men are pulling the net up out of the water. They will take the fish into the boats, and then they will row their boats to the shore. There they will sell the fish for money to people who want them to eat.

This man is a fisherman too. His net is lying spread out on the ground. But he has been out in his boat with it, and let it down in the water, and he has caught a good many fish. But the fish are of different kinds. Some of them are good and some of them are bad. His two boys are helping him to separate them. The good fish they are putting into baskets to take home with them. But the bad fish their father does not want, and these they are throwing away.

Jesus was very kind to people who were in trouble. He made the blind see again, and some persons who had been lame all their lives he made strong and well, so they could walk and run. When the people heard how Jesus cured the lame and sick, great numbers of them came to him to be made well. Some of those who came were not sick themselves, but they had a father or mother, a son or daughter, who was sick, and they came to ask Jesus to put forth his power and save their loved ones from death.

Among those who came to ask Jesus to help them was a man whose daughter was very sick. He was a ruler, or chief man among the Jews. No doubt he had everything in his house a rich man could buy, but his little girl was very sick and he was troubled for fear she would die. So he went to find Jesus, and when he found him he begged him to come to his house and make his child well. And Jesus went with him, but when they got near the house some one came out and said the little girl was dead. But Jesus went into the house, and came into the room where she lay.

And Jesus took hold of the child's hand and said, Arise! And as soon as he said this she came to life again, and she got up from the bed and walked, for she was twelve years old. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Then her father and mother were glad because their little daughter was alive again, and they would have her to live with them and love them as she used to do before.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

JESUS RAISES TO LIFE THE RULER'S DAUGHTER.

One of these men is pointing to his mouth with his finger. Why does he do this? It is because he is dumb and cannot speak. He can hear others speak to him, but he is not able to answer them a single word. His friends are very sorry for him, but they cannot do him any good. So they have brought him to Jesus. Jesus is listening to what they say about him. He pities the poor man and will make him well.

These men are the twelve apostles that we have read about before. They stay with Jesus all the time. Jesus chose them to stay with him. But now he is going to send them away for a little while. They will go and teach the people who have not heard about Jesus yet. They will tell those people how good and kind Jesus is, and that if they love him and mind him he will take them up to heaven after they die, and there they will be happy for ever.

This man who is kneeling down on the ground is sick. He is asking Jesus to make him well. Jesus will cure the man of his sickness by touching him with his hand. The people are crowding around. They are astonished to see the man getting well; he has been sick a long time.

Jesus is looking up and thanking God for the bread that he holds in his hands. He is breaking the bread into pieces and filling a basket with it. The apostles are carrying the baskets to the people and giving each one of them a piece. For the people have nothing to eat, and they are hungry. But where did Jesus get so much bread as would feed so many people out here in the lonely fields? I will tell you. The apostles brought him a few loaves, all that they had, and Jesus made them to be a great many loaves. The apostles could not do this, but Jesus could do it, because he is the Son of God.

The apostles were in this boat sailing along on the sea. And they saw a man walking to them on the water. He walked on the water just the same as if it had been dry land. And when the apostles saw him coming they were afraid, and they cried out with fear, for they did not know who it could be. But he said to them, Do not be afraid; it is I. Then the apostles knew it was Jesus. And one of them, whose name was Peter, spoke to Jesus out of the boat and asked if he might come to him on the water. And Jesus told Peter to come. Then Peter got down out of the boat and began to walk on the water to Jesus.

But when he heard the loud winds and saw the great waves dashing around him, he was afraid and began to sink, and he said, Lord, save me, or I shall be drowned!

Then Jesus put out his hand and held Peter up, so that he did not sink down under the water. And Jesus said to Peter, Why were you afraid when I was near you to take care of you?

Then Jesus and Peter came into the boat, and as soon as they came there the boat was at the shore at the very place where the apostles wanted it to be.

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA.—St. Matt. xiv. 26.

These poor people are out in the street. Some of them have crutches because they are lame and cannot walk. Some of them are blind and cannot see, and some are very sick and weak and cannot stand up. Why did all these poor sick people come away from their homes to sit out here in the street? It was because Jesus was to pass by this way. They wanted to touch him as he passed by. So they waited till he came, and then they put out their hands and touched him, and every one who touched him was made well.

Some persons brought this blind man to Jesus, and Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes to make them well. Then he took away his hands and asked the man whether he could see. The man said, yes, he could see a little, but his eyes were not well, for the men who were passing by looked as high, and as tall, as if they were trees walking. Then Jesus put his hands again on the man's eyes, and after that he was well and could see everything clearly.

FROM THE PAINTING BY A. SCHWARTZ.

JESUS SAVES PETER FROM SINKING IN THE SEA.—St. Matt. xiv. 31.

This is one of the apostles; his name is Peter. He is standing by the water and has a fishing-line in his hand. He has caught a fish on it. When he takes off the fish and opens its mouth, he will find a piece of money there. But how could such a strange thing as this happen? I will tell you. A man came to Peter and asked him for some money. But Peter had no money to give him. So he went and asked Jesus, and Jesus told Peter that if he would go to the water and throw in his line, he would catch a fish, and when he opened its mouth he would find the money that the man wanted. So Peter did as

Jesus told him, and he found the money and gave it to the man.

The apostles are walking along the road together, but they look angry and are talking loud. They are quarrelling. Each one wants all the rest to mind him; this makes them quarrel. But when Jesus comes he will tell them they must not do so. They must not want other persons to mind them, but they must be willing to mind what other persons say. For Jesus is not pleased with us when we are proud and when we think ourselves better than other persons. He is pleased with us when we are humble and when we think other persons better than ourselves.

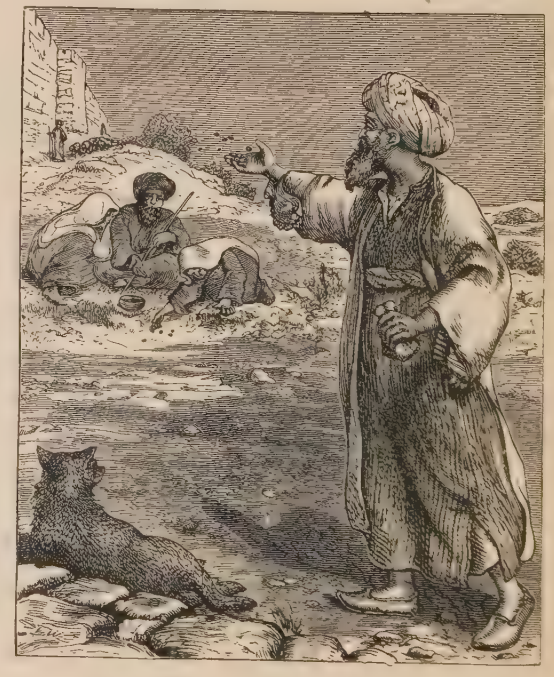
Jesus is talking to the apostles and they are listening to what he says. What is he telling them that they are listening to so attentively? Jesus is telling the apostles that some day the people will kill him. For although Jesus has been so kind to them, making sick persons well, and blind persons see, and dead persons alive again, yet the people do not love him for this. And why do they not love Jesus? Because he has told them about their sins. Their sins are the bad things that they do, and Jesus says they must stop doing those things; for if they do not stop, God will punish them.

But the people do not want to stop, and they do not want to be told about their sins. They are angry at Jesus for telling about them, and they want to kill him, so that he cannot speak about them any more.

But Jesus knows what they are going to do to him, and now he tells the apostles that some day the people will kill him. But he says he will come to life again after they have killed him, and will come up out of the grave where the people will bury him.

This poor man who has fallen down owes the other man some money, but he cannot pay it back again. Perhaps he has been sick and unable to work, or perhaps other people have not paid him. But that cruel man does not stop to ask the reason; he has caught him by the throat, and he is going to send him to prison until he can pay all that he owes him. But when the king hears about this he will be very angry, and he will punish that cruel man. When anybody has done wrong to us, or owes us something which he is not able to pay, we must be very careful not to treat him cruelly, for if we do not forgive other persons God will not forgive us.

Two of the apostles are with Jesus. They are lifting up their hands and speaking angrily. Why are they angry? It is because the men who live in that village near by will not let Jesus stop there to rest and get something to eat. The apostles are very angry at them for this, and they want Jesus to bring down lightning from the sky to burn up those men, and their houses and all that they have. But Jesus is displeased at them for wanting him to do this. He will not hurt the men who are unkind to him, but will go on to another village to rest.



This man has his purse in his hand. He carries his money in it. He has just taken some money out of his purse, and is throwing it to the poor beggars who are sitting a little way off. Why does he stay so far off, and throw the money to the beggars, instead of going up to them and putting it in their hands? Because these poor beggars are sick. They have a dreadful disease called the leprosy. The man will not go near them, for he is afraid if he touches them that he will get the leprosy too. It is kind in him to give them money. We should always be kind to persons who are poor and sick.

How sick and weak this man looks who is riding on the ass. He was walking along the road by himself, and some robbers came and took away his clothes and beat him, and then left him lying on the ground half dead. Very soon another man came by that place, but he was selfish and hard-hearted; he pretended not to see the sick man; he did not want to take any trouble with him, so he went on without helping him. But after a while this kind man came. He was riding on the ass. He pitied the poor sick man, and he got off from the ass and put the sick man on. And now he is walking beside him, with his arm around him, to keep him from falling off. He will take him to a house that is near by and nurse him there all night. And to-morrow, when he has to go away and leave him, he will give the man that lives in the house some money and tell him to take care of the sick man.

Martha and Mary were sisters, and Jesus came to their house. Then as soon as he had come Mary stopped doing her work and she sat down by Jesus' feet so that she might listen to what he said. For Mary wanted Jesus to teach her about God, and to tell her what she must do to please God. But Martha thought that Mary should go on doing her work, and she asked Jesus to tell Mary to go on doing it. But Jesus said that Mary did right to stop and listen to him. It was better for Mary to learn how to please God, he said, than it was even to go on doing her work.

This little girl is saying the Lord's Prayer. The Lord Jesus taught this prayer to his apostles for them to say. And he meant that you and I should say it too. When we say this prayer we are speaking to God. We call him our Father. For God is our Father who lives up in heaven. He loves us and he loves to have us pray to him, and he loves to give us the things we pray for. But when we pray we must think of him, and think of what we are saying, or God will not listen to us. These are the words of the Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN

JESUS AT THE HOUSE OF MARY AND MARTHA.

Here is a cave in the ground, and a man with grave-clothes wrapt around him is coming out of the cave. It is Lazarus. He is the brother of Mary and Martha. For Lazarus got sick and died, and they buried him in this cave, and they rolled a great stone to the door to shut it up. And Mary and Martha sent for Jesus to come to them. And he came, and they brought him to the cave where Lazarus was buried. And Jesus told them to take away the stone from the door. And when they had taken it away, Jesus said with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! And as soon as Jesus had said this, Lazarus came out of the cave, alive. Jesus had made him come to life again. Then his sisters were glad, and Lazarus went home with them and lived with them as he used to do before.

This man is leading the ox and the ass out of the stable to give them a drink of water. The man expects the ox to work for him out in the field, and he expects the ass to carry him on his back. So he has to take care of them. He must have a stable for them to live in, and he must give them hay to eat and water to drink every day. If he will do this they will work for him as long as they live. We ought always to be kind to the dumb beasts that work for us.

The king is sitting on his throne. He has his crown on his head and he wears a beautiful robe. But who are these persons all around the king? One of them has a crutch, he is lame; another is carrying a little baby; another one looks weak and sick, and they all look as if they were poor people. Why did they come into the king's house? It is because the king is so kind to the poor. He has sent his servants out into the streets on purpose to find them and bring them in. And now he is holding out his arms to them to show that they are welcome and that he loves them. For he has made a great supper, and he wants them all to sit down at his table and eat of his supper. In this picture, and in this little story that I have read to you, the king means God, and we are the poor people that he is so kind to and that he loves.

This young man went away from his father's house where he had always lived. His father did not want him to go, but he would not stay and live with his father any longer. So he went to another country a long way off.

But after he came to that country and had spent all the money his father had given him, he got very poor. So he had to work for a man there, and go out into his field and feed his pigs. Then, when he was very tired and hungry, he began to think of his home that he had left, and he said to himself, I will go back to my father and tell him how sorry I am that I was so wicked as to go away and leave him. Perhaps he will forgive me and let me come and live at his house again.

Here is the son coming back to his home. He was almost afraid to come, but before he reached the house and while he was yet a good way off, his father saw him, and ran out of the house to meet him, and put his arms around his neck and kissed him. Then the young man began to tell his father how sorry he was for going away from him. But his father was so glad to see him that he would not let him tell any more. He called the servants to bring out new clothes to put on him, and to put a ring on his finger and new shoes on his feet. And bring the fatted calf, the father said, and let us make a feast and be happy, because my son who had gone away and left me has come back again. I thought he was lost, but now he is found.

This man is holding a cup of wine in his hand. He is a very rich man. He wears beautiful clothes and he has nice things to eat every day. But who is this lying down before his door? It is a poor beggar named Lazarus. He has nothing to eat. He will be glad to get the pieces of bread that are left after the rich man has done eating his dinner. And Lazarus is not only poor, but he is sick too. Dreadful sores have come out all over his body, so that even the dogs in the street seem to pity him, for they come and lick his sores.

LAZARUS THE BEGGAR.

And after a while poor Lazarus died. Then God sent some angels to carry him up to heaven. He was not poor and sick any more after he got to heaven, for God made him well and gave him everything to make him happy. Afterward the rich man died too. But the angels did not come to take him up to heaven. He went to the place where wicked people go. For when he was alive he did not love God and mind him, as poor Lazarus had done. It is better to be poor and good than it is to be rich and wicked.

These two men have come to the temple to say their prayers. One of them is very proud, for he thinks he is very good. He is standing up and telling God how good he is. But the other man is not proud. He remembers how often he has done wrong and offended God, and he is sorry for it, and he is asking God to forgive him. God is more pleased with this humble man who remembers his sins and asks to be forgiven, than he is with the proud man who thinks he is so good that he does not need to be forgiven.

These men do not sit on chairs as we do. They sit cross-legged on cushions or on the ground. One of them is writing on a piece of paper. Another is handing a man a pencil and a piece of paper for him to write on. They are writing down how much they are to pay to the master of the house. How strange their clothes look, and the turbans on their heads! We do not have such clothes in this country where we live; but they have them in the countries that we read about in the Bible.

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All these women are bringing their little children to Jesus. They want him to hold them in his arms, and to speak to them. But the apostles do not want them to bring their little children. They think it will be a trouble to Jesus, and they want the women to take them away. But Jesus tells the apostles to let the little children come to him. For Jesus loves little children, and now he is taking them up in his arms and speaking kindly to them, and blessing them.

This is a cross. It is made of two large pieces of wood fastened together. Jesus told the apostles that the people were going to be very cruel to him, and that some day they would kill him. They would nail his hands and his feet to a cross like this. Then they would leave Jesus hanging on the cross till he died. They would do this because they were angry with him for telling them about their sins, and for saying that he was God's Son. For the people were wicked. They did not want to be told about their sins, and they would not believe that Jesus was God's Son.

They Brought Young Children to Jesus that He Should Touch Them. St. Mark x. 13.

FROM THE PAINTING BY C. G. PFANNSCHMIDT.

JESUS BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN.

Here is a pool, or little pond of water, called the pool of Siloam. A man is bending down and washing his eyes in the pool. Why does he do this? Because Jesus has told him to do it. For this man was blind and poor; he could not work, so he used to sit in the street and beg. But when Jesus saw him begging he was sorry for him; and Jesus stooped down and took some clay off of the ground and put it on the blind man's eyes, and told him to go and wash them in this pool. And the man came and washed them as Jesus told him, and after that he could see. But it was not the clay, or the water in the pool, that cured his eyes; it was Jesus who cured them and made him able to see.

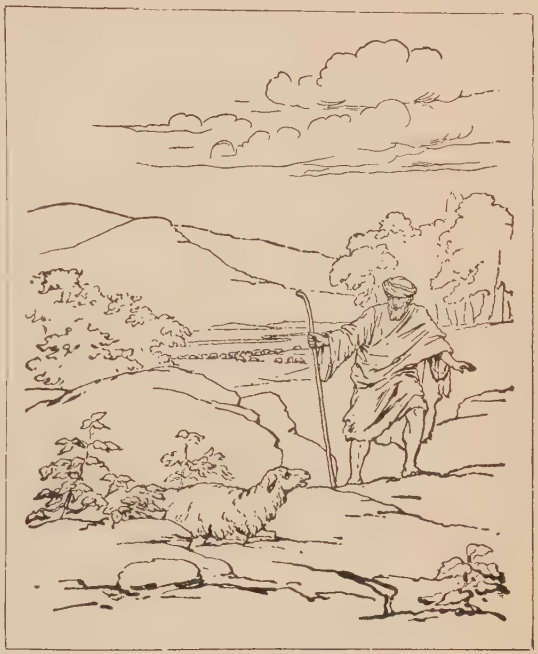
This man who is standing up and pointing to his eyes is the man who was blind. The men who are sitting before him have sent for him to ask how he was made well, and he is telling them that Jesus put clay on his eyes, and then told him to wash in the pool of water, and after that he was able to see. But these men are not pleased to hear him say this. For they do not love Jesus, and they do not want to be told that he can make blind persons see.

Here is a shepherd with his flock of sheep. He is carrying a little lamb in his arms. It is so young and weak that it is not able to walk. The lamb's mother is walking very close to the shepherd's side, and putting up her head almost to touch the lamb's feet. She knows it is her lamb and she knows the shepherd will not hurt it. The shepherd is very kind to his sheep. He stays with them in the day and in the night to keep them from getting lost, and to keep the wild beasts from killing them. Every sheep in the flock has its name, and it knows the shepherd's voice and comes when he calls it.

FROM THE PAINTING BY FRANZ MOLITOR.

FINDING THE LOST SHEEP.

This sheep is lost. It has wandered away from the flock, and has come to a very lonely place far off from its home. It cannot find its way back, but if it stays here, very soon some wild beast will come and kill it. How foolish it was in the sheep to wander away! And the shepherd did not know it had gone, but when at night he came to count his flock, this one sheep was missing. Then he set out to hunt for it. He has come a long way and at last he has found it.



But the sheep is tired. It has come through woods and fields, and over stony paths. Its feet are sore and it cannot walk all the way back to its home. Will the shepherd leave it here alone to die? No, he does not even speak an unkind word to it, but he lifts it up on his shoulder and carries it. He has far to go and the load is heavy, but he carries it gladly until he reaches his home. And when he gets there he calls his friends and says to them, Come, and rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost!

This woman is stooping down close to the floor with a candle in her hand. She is looking for something. What can it be? It is a piece of silver money. She had ten pieces that she worked for and saved up. As she did not want to spend them, she put them away. She thought she had put them away very carefully, but when she went to look at them, and count them, and see if they were all safe, one piece was missing! What should she do? Should she sit down and say, Somebody else will find it and hand it to me? No, she said, I am anxious

about it, and will look for it myself. So she got her broom and swept the floor carefully, and every little while she stooped down and looked in the dark places and corners where the broom would not reach. We see her looking now, and very soon she will find her lost piece. Then how glad she will be! She will show it to the people in the house, and, like the shepherd with his sheep, she will say, Come and rejoice with me, for I have found the piece of money that was lost!

Here is a poor blind man. See how he kneels upon the ground before Jesus. He is asking that he may be made to see. His name is Bartimeus. He was sitting down in the street begging. But while he was sitting there he heard the noise of a great crowd passing by. And, because he could not see, he asked what it meant. They told him that Jesus was passing by, and that a great many people were following him. Then the blind man began to call out in a loud voice, Jesus, help me! The people told him to be still, but he only cried out the more, Jesus, help me! Jesus stood still and told them to bring the blind man to him. Then Bartimeus was glad, and he made haste to come to Jesus. When he came Jesus asked him what he wanted. He said that he wanted to be able to see. Then Jesus spoke kindly to him and said he would make him well, and in a moment the blind man was made well and able to see. He did not have to grope along then, with his hands spread out, nor ask any one else to lead him. He could walk by himself, and he followed after Jesus, thanking God for what had been done to him.

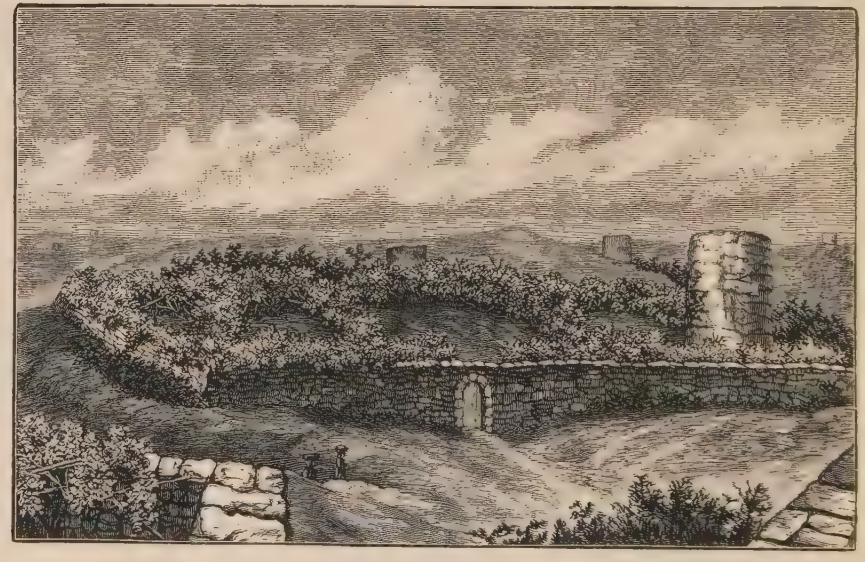
This man in the tree is named Zaccheus. But why did he climb up there? It was because he wanted to get out of the crowd. For Jesus was passing along the street, and a great crowd was following him. And Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus, but he could not, because there were so many people. Jesus looked up and saw Zaccheus, and told him to come down because he wanted to go and stay at his house that day. Then Zaccheus came down quickly, for he was glad to see Jesus, and to take him to his house.

The ass and the colt are tied to a tree, but two men are untying them. They are going to take them away. Are they going to steal the ass and the colt? O, no; Jesus has sent the men for them, and we know that all the animals, and all the other things in the world, belong to him, and he can take them from us and keep them for his own whenever he chooses.

FROM THE PAINTING BY B. PLOCKHORST.

Jesus is riding on the ass through the streets of the city. A great crowd of people follow after him. Some of them have taken off their coats and laid them down on the ground, and others have cut off branches of trees and strewed them on the ground, for Jesus to ride over them. And they are all crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is He that has come to us, sent by the Lord! They do these things to show how glad they are to have him come among them. For this is the way they used to do whenever a king rode through their streets. And yet, although they seem so glad, Jesus knows they do not love him, and that in a few days these same people will be crying out to nail him to the cross and kill him.

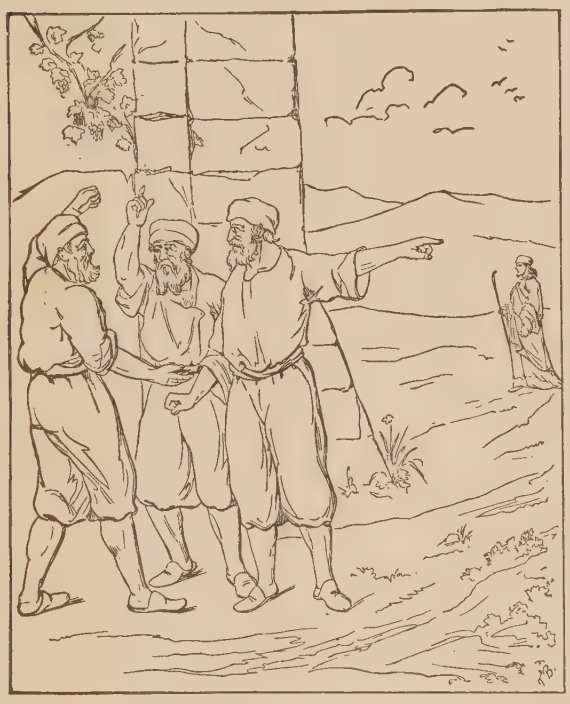
Here we see a great many sick people. Some of them are lame and cannot walk. Some are blind and cannot see. They are in the temple. They could not come here by themselves, but their friends brought them. And now Jesus has come to the temple. He pities them, and will make them all well.



This is a vineyard, or place where grapevines grow. It has a wall around it to keep out robbers and wild beasts. For some wild beasts eat grapes. Foxes love grapes, and if there was nobody to keep them away they would come into the vineyard and eat a great many. We see a tower in the vineyard. It is built of stone and is very strong. The men who stay in the vineyard all night, to guard it, go into the tower and are safe.

This is a wine-press where the people make wine. We do not see wine-presses like this one in our country, but they have them in the countries that we read about in the Bible. This wine-press is made of stone. It is hollowed out on the top. The women go to the vineyard and fill their baskets with grapes. They put the baskets on their heads and carry them to the wine-press. They empty out the grapes there, and the men jump and tread on the grapes to squeeze out the juice. They shout and sing while they do this, and hold fast to the ropes that hang down from the piece of wood above their heads. It is a happy and a glad time with them while they are treading the grapes. The juice they squeeze out makes the wine. We see where it is running out through a hole in the side of the press. A woman is stooping down there and filling her pitcher with it.

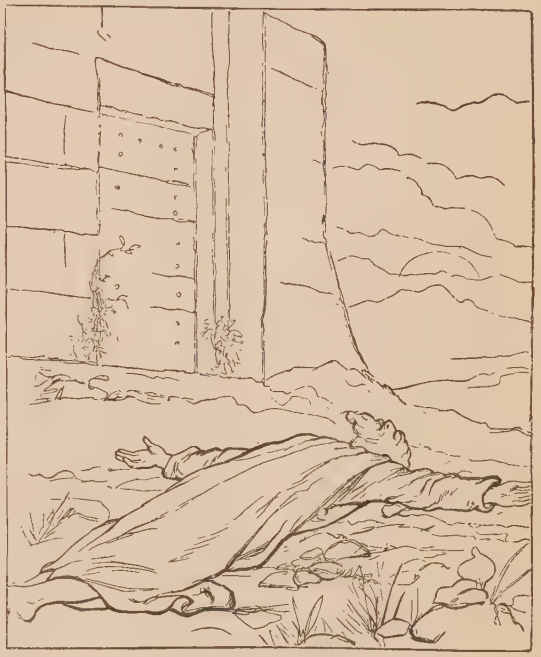
These men stay and work in the vineyard. They dig up the ground there, and pick out the stones and carry them away; and they take care of the grape-vines, so that they will bear plenty of grapes. And yet the vineyard does not belong to these men. They did not make it, or plant it. But the man who did plant it has been very kind to them. He allowed them to stay in the vineyard and to take the grapes that grew there for their own, only, he said, they must give some of them to him.



So when the time came for the grapes to be ripe he sent his servant to get some. But the men would not give the servant any. Instead of that, they were very cruel to him; they beat him and then sent him back to his master. And the master sent another servant, but they threw stones at him, and hurt him in the head, and sent him away too.

Then the master said to himself, What shall I do to make these wicked men mind me? Now, the master had one son at home whom he loved very much. And after he had thought about it awhile, he said, This is what I will do: I will send my dear son to them, for they will be afraid to hurt him. So the master sent his son. We can see him coming in the picture. But as soon as the men saw him they got very angry. They are pointing to him and talking against him, and making plans together what they will do to him. Come, let us kill him, they say, and then the vineyard will be ours, and we can keep it for our own!

Who is this lying dead on the ground, just outside of the gate of the vineyard? Is it some poor man who got sick and lay down there and died all alone? No, this is the son of the owner of the vineyard. His father sent him to the vineyard; he went into it and saw the men that his father was so kind to, and he told them his father had sent him. But, instead of being kind to him, they took hold of him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do to these wicked men? He will put them to death, and give the vineyard to other men who will love him and mind him.



This man is asking Jesus what God wants us to do more than anything else. Jesus is telling him that God wants us to love him. We cannot see God, but he is so kind to us that we can love him without seeing him. Very often persons that we love go away where we cannot see them; yet we keep on loving them, and we want to see them.

We shall see God after we die, but he wants us to love him now, before we die. And we ought to love God more than we love any one else. And Jesus said there was another thing God wants us to do besides loving him: he wants us to love each other. If we love each other, we will be kind to each other.

The tree that we see in the picture is called a fig-tree. Fig-trees do not grow in our country, but they grow in the country where Jesus lived. They bear fruit something like pears, that are good to eat. The people in that country eat figs for food; not only because they are nice and pleasant to taste, but because they make persons strong and well.

In the picture we see Jesus speaking to the fig-tree. He saw it growing by the path. It looked green and beautiful, and he came

to pick figs from it, that he might eat them, because he was hungry. But when he came to the tree no figs were growing on it, only leaves were there. Then Jesus spoke to the tree and said that no more figs should ever grow on it. The next day the apostles passed by the tree again. And when they looked at it they saw that it was not green and beautiful now, but it was brown and dead-looking from its roots all the way up to its top. The words that Jesus spoke to it made it die. The tree minded Jesus, because he is God's Son, and everything must mind him.

This man is called a Pharisee. He has gone out into the street where a good many people are walking, and there he is standing all alone. But what is he doing there? He is saying his prayers. And why does he go into the street to say them? Because he wants other people to see him and hear him, and to think he is very good.

The scribes or learned men, and the Pharisees used to go into the synagogues on the Sabbath days, and sit in the highest seats where every one could see them.

But on other days than the Sabbath they were wicked and unjust, and took for their own what did not belong to them. For this reason Jesus called them hypocrites.

Jesus says we must not be like this Pharisee and say our prayers for other people to hear us and see us, but we must say them for only God to hear, and then God will listen to our prayers and answer them.

It does us no good to go to church and pray, if we come away from church to do wickedly. God sees us not only in church, but all the time. And Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees that because they pretended to obey God, while they were disobeying him in their hearts, God would punish them the more at the Judgment Day.

This is a picture of the court, or yard of the temple at Jerusalem. A woman is dropping a piece of money in a box. The people drop money into this box to buy things needed for the temple. Some rich persons drop in a great deal. But this woman is very poor. She has only a little money, yet she is dropping it all in. But Jesus says that God will care more for the little money that she gives than for the large money that the rich people give. For they have plenty left afterward for themselves, but this poor woman is giving all that she has to God.

These young women have come to a wedding-feast. A man that they know has been married. He is going to have a feast at his house, and he has asked them to come to it. The feast is at night, and the young women all carry lamps in their hands. And now they have come to the house where the feast is to be. Are they in time? Yes, the door is still open, and they are just going in.

These young women have been asked to the wedding-feast too, and they have come to the house where the feast is to be. But why are they sitting down, and looking so sad? Ah, the door is shut and they cannot get in. They are very sorry. They are knocking at the door and crying and begging the man to open it for them. But he says, No, because you are too late you cannot come in to my wedding-feast.

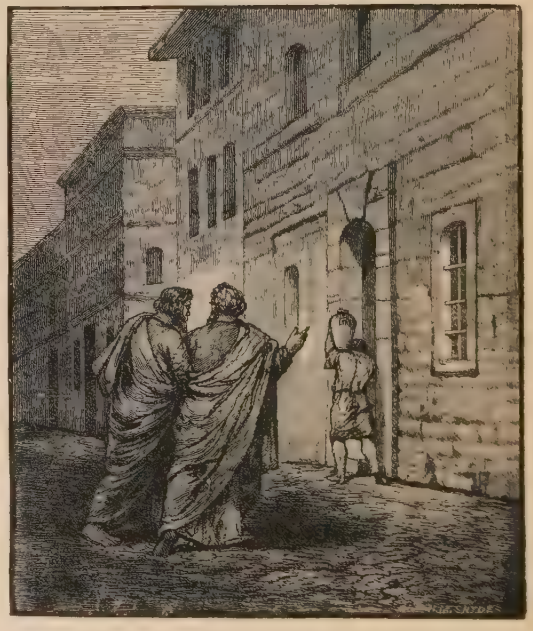
An Eastern Marriage Procession.

The apostles are sitting and listening while Jesus is teaching them. He is teaching them about the Judgment-Day. The Judgment-Day will be the last day in this world. There will never be another day after that. Jesus says that he will come down from heaven on that day, and that all the good angels will come with him. Then he will sit on a high seat, called a throne, where everybody can see him.

You and I will see him then, and every one will see him. The people who have been drowned in the sea, and those that have been buried in the ground, will all of them be there. Jesus will call to them, and they will hear him, and they will rise up and stand before him, for him to judge them; that is, for him to say whether they shall be rewarded or punished.

The good people who have loved him and minded him will stand on one side, and the bad people who have not minded him will stand on the other side. Then Jesus will take all those who have loved him up to heaven, and there they will stay with him, and be happy forever. But those who have not loved him will be sent away to be punished, and they will never see him again.

The men with caps, or turbans, on their heads are listening to what the other man says. The other man is named Judas. He is one of the apostles. There are twelve apostles. All of them are good men, and all of them love Jesus, except Judas. But Judas is a wicked man. And now he is telling these other men that some day he will take them, and show them the place where Jesus is, so that they can go there and get him. For these are the men that want to kill Jesus. One of them has a little bag in his hand. It has thirty pieces of silver money in it. He will give the money to Judas for helping them to find Jesus. Judas wants the thirty pieces of silver, for he loves money more than he loves Jesus.



A man in the street is carrying a pitcher of water on his shoulder. Two of the apostles, named Peter and John, are following him into the house where he is going. They will ask the man who lives there to show them a room where they may make a supper, called the Passover, ready. The man will show them a room up stairs, with a table in it, and seats around the table. Jesus and the apostles will come into that room and eat the supper there.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

A Woman Anoints the Feet of Jesus.

Jesus and the apostles are in the room where the supper is ready. After they ate of the supper Jesus got up from the table and took a basin with some water in it, and a towel, and he went from one apostle to another, washing their feet. Why did Jesus wash the apostles' feet as if he were their servant? It was to set them an example of being kind to each other and of being willing to wait on each other. It was to teach them not to be proud.

And while they were at the table Jesus talked with the apostles. He told them that this was the last time he would ever eat the Supper with them. Very soon, he said, he would be taken away from them: he meant that very soon he would die, for he knew that the people were going to kill him. Then Jesus told the apostles that he was going up to heaven to make a place ready for them there, but afterward, he said, he would come back and take them up to heaven too. Jesus meant that he would come back and take them at the Judgment-Day.

And after they had eaten the supper, Jesus and his apostles sang a hymn together. Then they went out of the house, and came to a place where there was a garden.

FROM THE PAINTING BY B. PLOCKHORST.

JESUS PARTING FROM HIS MOTHER.

Jesus is praying in the garden, but the apostles have fallen asleep. The men who want to take Jesus are coming through the gate of the garden. The wicked Judas is with them; he is showing them the way, so that they will find Jesus.

Judas comes up to Jesus in the garden. He pretends to love him. He puts his arm around his neck and calls him Master, and kisses him. Then the men with swords and clubs take hold of Jesus; they put ropes on him so that he cannot get away. The men carry great lamps, or torches, with them, because it is night. They take Jesus with them out of the garden.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.

FROM THE PAINTING BY J. M. H. HOFMANN.

JESUS LED AWAY BY ARMED MEN TO THE HIGH-PRIEST'S HOUSE.—St. Matt. xxvi. 57.

The men that took Jesus have brought him into the high-priest's house. A rope is tied around his hands. A soldier is holding the end of the rope. On the other side of the picture we see the high-priest's servants. They are sitting around a fire warming themselves, because it is cold. The apostle Peter is sitting there with them. The servants say to Peter, You were with Jesus when he was in the garden! But Peter is afraid that the men who took Jesus will take him too, to punish him. So he tells a lie. He says he was not with Jesus

in the garden, and that he does not even know who Jesus is. As soon as Peter says this the cock crows.

Now Jesus can hear what Peter is saying to the servants, and he turns around and looks at him. Peter sees Jesus looking at him, and this makes him remember how wicked he has been to say that he does not know his dear Saviour. Then Peter gets up and goes out of the house to a place by himself, and he cries, because he is so sorry for what he has said. But Jesus knows he is sorry, and he forgives Peter. For Peter loves Jesus, and after this he minds him and does the things that Jesus wants him to do as long as he lives.

This is a room in the high-priest's house. A great many people are there. Jesus is in the room. He is standing up before the high-priest. The apostles have all left him and gone away. They were afraid that the men who took Jesus would take them. The people who are standing around Jesus hate him and want to do him harm. They are speaking to the high-priest against him. One of them has a whip in his hand ready to strike him. The high-priest speaks to Jesus. He asks him if he is God's Son. Jesus says, Yes. And he tells the high-priest that some day he will see him sitting down by God's side.

Then the high-priest is very angry. He says Jesus should be punished for saying these things. And all those wicked men who are in the room say he should be punished too. And the high-priest asks them what his punishment ought to be. They say he ought to be put to death. Then some of them strike Jesus, and spit on him and treat him cruelly. Yet he could call down a great many angels from heaven, to help him, if he chose. But he does not want to call them down. He is willing to bear all this punishment for our sake.

The men have brought Jesus to the governor. The governor's name is Pilate. He is the one who punishes persons that have broken the law. The men who brought Jesus say that he has broken the law. They tell the governor this because they want Jesus to be punished.

But the governor says that Jesus is a good man. He does not want to punish him. He wants to let him go free. But the men persuade the governor not to let Jesus go. Then the governor, because he wants to please these wicked men, takes Jesus and beats him with a whip.

These are soldiers. The wicked governor has told them to take Jesus. They are treating him very cruelly. They have tied his hands together, so that he cannot move them, and they have put a crown of thorns on his head. Now they are mocking him and making fun of him. They are clapping their hands at him and talking against him. They strike him on the head and spit upon him. Yet he is good and kind to them. He does not want to do them any harm; he does not ask God to punish them. But they will be more cruel to him still. Very soon they will take him away, and nail him to the cross and kill him.

Judas has come back to the men who gave him the thirty pieces of silver. He is very sorry now that he helped them to find Jesus. He wants them to take the money back, and to let Jesus go and not hurt him. But the men will not take the money back, and they will not let Jesus go, so Judas throws the money down on the ground, and he goes away and leaves it there.

Judas knows how wicked he has been in helping those bad men to take Jesus. He is afraid God will punish him. He thinks of it all the time. In the night, when he wakes up, he thinks about it, and he cannot get to sleep again. In the day-time he cannot forget the wicked thing he has done. All the time he is unhappy and afraid. He cannot bear it any longer, and he hangs himself with a rope from the branch of a tree.

The soldiers are nailing Jesus to the cross. They lay him down on the cross with his arms stretched out. They drive great nails through his hands and his feet. The blood comes out of his wounds. He is full of pain, yet he lies still and bears it patiently. He speaks no angry word to them. Even while they are killing him he loves them, and wants to do them good instead of harm. He asks God to forgive them.

The soldiers have set the cross up in the ground. Jesus is hanging on it. The soldiers stay there and watch, that no one shall take him down. But they do not pity him or try to help him. They leave him hanging there until he dies. Mary the mother of Jesus, and some other women who love him, stay near him. And two other men are put to death when Jesus is; one on a cross at his right hand, and another on a cross at his left. But these are wicked men. They are thieves who are being punished for the wicked things they have done.

Jesus is taken down from the cross. A good man named Joseph has come and pulled out the great nails from his hands and his feet, and taken him down. But he is dead. The women who love him are looking at his dead body. They are very sorry, and are crying over it.

Joseph and another good man named Nicodemus are burying Jesus. They are burying him in a cave. Afterward they will roll a great stone to the door of the cave and shut it up, and they will go away and leave him there. The women who love Jesus are seeing where he is buried.

FROM THE PAINTING BY H. HOFMANN.

JESUS IN THE TOMB.

Jesus does not stay in the cave where he was buried. He comes to life again. For in the night, while it was dark and still, God sent an angel down from heaven. The angel came to the cave and rolled away the great stone from its door. And Jesus came out of the cave alive. Some soldiers were standing by the cave. They were guarding it. But all at once they felt the ground shake, and they saw the angel come. His face was bright like lightning, and

his clothes were as white as snow. Then the soldiers were afraid; they trembled and fell down on the ground as if they were dead. You remember how Jesus had told his apostles, long before this time, that the people would kill him and bury him in the grave. But he would come to life again, he said, and would come out of the grave after the people had buried him. And now Jesus has come to life again, and come out of the grave, as he told the apostles he would.

FROM THE PAINTING BY B. PLOCKHORST.

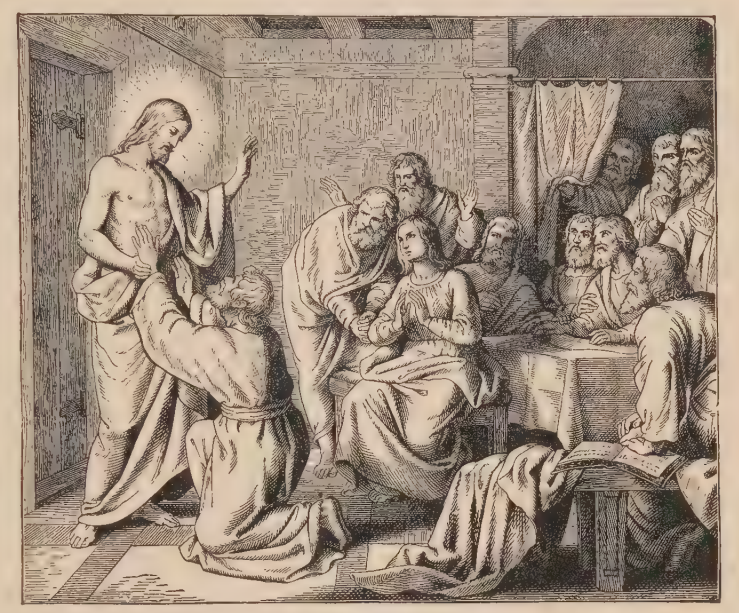
THE ANGEL AT THE TOMB

These women came very early in the morning to the cave where Jesus was buried. They thought the cave was shut up and that Jesus was lying there in his grave. But when they came to the door of the cave they saw that the great stone had been rolled away. Then they went into the cave, and there they saw an angel wearing a long white dress. The women were afraid when they saw him. But the angel told them not to be afraid, for Jesus was not there; he was alive again. They should go and tell the apostles about it, the angels said, and the apostles should see him.

These two men with staves in their hands are going to a village that is a little way off. The village is named Emmaus. But why do the men look so sad as they walk along together? It is because they are talking about Jesus. They are saying how sorry they are that wicked men have nailed him to the cross and killed him. But while they are talking Jesus comes and walks with them. But they do not know it is Jesus. They think it is some strange man, for he looks different from what he did when they saw him before he was nailed to the cross.

The two men have come to the village where they were going, and this is the house where they live. As they are going into it Jesus walks on, as if he would leave them and go further, but they ask him to come into the house, and stay with them, because it is almost night. But they do not know it is Jesus they are speaking to; they still think it is some stranger.

The men who asked Jesus into the house are sitting down to supper, and Jesus is with them. And while they were at the table Jesus took some bread in his hand, and he thanked God for it. Then he broke the bread in pieces and gave the pieces to the two men. But as he did this they saw who it was, and knew it was Jesus. And then, in a moment, he was gone away and they could not see him any more.



The apostles are in a room together. The doors are shut, yet Jesus has come into the room with them. One of the apostles is kneeling down before him, and touching him. The apostle's name is Thomas. He has not seen Jesus before since he rose up from the dead. The other apostles told Thomas that Jesus had risen. But he would not believe them. But now Thomas sees him, and hears him speak, and touches him with his hand, and he knows that Jesus has come to life again. He kneels down and prays to him.

The men in the boat are apostles; they are fishing. They have been letting their net down in the water to catch fish in it. They have been trying to catch some all night, but have not caught any. But now it is morning, and they see some one standing on the shore. He speaks to them, and tells them to put their net down in the water again. They obey him and put the net down, and soon it is so full of fish they can hardly pull it up. For it is Jesus who stands on the shore and speaks to them, and he has made the fish come to the place where the apostles could catch them.

Jesus is leaving his apostles; he is going up into the clouds, and they are all looking after him. While he was talking with them, all at once he began to go up from them toward the sky. He went up higher and higher, until they saw him go into a cloud; and could not see him any more. Then two angels came and spoke to the apostles. Jesus is in heaven now; but he looks down from there, and sees all those who love him. He hears them when they pray, and helps them to be good.

These two men are named Peter and John. They are apostles. They have come up to the temple to say their prayers. As they were coming they saw this poor man who is sitting on the ground. He is lame. He has been lame ever since he was born. As he cannot walk, his friends have carried him and laid him down here at the gate of the temple. They bring him here every day. They do this so that he can beg money from the people who pass by. For he is not able to work, and he has no other way of getting money to buy food to eat and clothes to wear. And as Peter and John passed by he begged them to give him some money.

Now, Peter was poor himself; he had no money to give the lame man. But he could give him something better than money. Peter took hold of his hand and told him to rise up and walk. And as soon as Peter said this the lame man was well, and he rose up and walked.

He had never walked before, but now his feet were well and strong and he could go where he pleased. He would not want his friends to come and carry him, as they used to do, and lay him down every day at the gate of the temple; he would not have to sit there alone and beg any more, for he could work and earn money to buy himself bread. It was Jesus who made Peter able to make the lame man well.

This is a dead man who is being carried out of the house. His name is Ananias. He told a lie to the apostles. But God heard him and punished him by making him fall down dead. These men are carrying him to his grave to bury him.

These men are throwing stones at a good man named Stephen. For Stephen was talking to them and telling them how wicked it was to nail Jesus to the cross, and kill him. Stephen wanted them to be sorry for doing this great sin. He wanted them to ask God to forgive them, so that they might not be punished for it after they died.

But these wicked men were not sorry for what they had done. They were angry with Stephen for telling them about it. They put up their hands and stopped their ears so that they could not hear what he said, and they gnashed on him with their teeth like wild beasts. Then they took hold of him and dragged him out of the city. And they picked up great stones and threw them at him, and struck him with them and hurt him so that he died. But Stephen did not try to hurt them, or even ask God to punish them, though they treated him so cruelly. Instead of this, he kneeled down on the ground as he was dying and asked God to forgive them for what they were doing to him.

Here we see a chariot. Two men are riding in it. One of them has a book in his lap. He is the one who owns the chariot. He has come a long journey in it, for he lives in another country a great way off. There is a queen in that country where he lives. She has a great deal of money and a great many beautiful things, but she gives them all to this man to keep for her. He is rich and great; he has horses and chariots, and a great many servants to wait on him. Why did he come from his own country, and where has he been? He has been to the

temple to say his prayers there, because the temple is God's house. But now he is going back to his own home. The book in his lap is the Bible. He has been reading it, but he cannot understand it. And because he wants to understand it, and to mind what it says, God has sent a good man named Philip to explain it to him. Philip has got up into the chariot and is sitting beside the man. He is telling him about Jesus. The man is listening. He wants to hear, and as soon as he has heard about him he will love Jesus and mind him.

This man who has fallen down is named Paul. He was going along the road to the city called Damascus. And all at once he saw a great light coming down from the sky, and he was afraid and he fell down on the ground. And when he looked up he saw Jesus, and heard Jesus speaking to him. Before this time Paul did not believe that Jesus was God's Son. He did not love him, and he tried to keep everybody else from loving him. But now, after he had seen him and heard him speak, Paul knew that Jesus was the Son of God who had come down from heaven, and he loved him, and tried to persuade all the people to love him.

Paul is being let down in a basket from a window over the wall. Some wicked men want to kill him. Those men are watching for Paul at the gates of the city, so that they can take him as he goes out of the gates. But his friends are lowering him down in a basket, where no one can see him. So he will get out of the city, and make haste away to some other place where the men cannot find him.

The woman with her eyes shut and her hands folded on her breast is dead. Her name is Dorcas. The other women are crying, because they can never see her or hear her speak to them any more. For Dorcas was very kind to them. She used to make coats and dresses to give them, because they were poor.

But who is this man that is standing by her bed? It is the apostle Peter. These women have sent for him and he has come to them. And now they are telling him how kind she was to them, and they are showing him the dresses and coats that she made for them when she was alive. Peter listens to what they say. Then he tells them all to go out of the room, and as soon as he is alone he kneels down by the bed, and asks God to bring Dorcas to life again.

Then he speaks to her, and says, Dorcas, Arise! And as soon as he has spoken these words, she wakes like a person who has been asleep, and when she sees Peter she sits up. And Peter reaches out his hand and helps her to get up. Then he calls all those women who were crying because she was dead, and they come into the room again, and he gives Dorcas to them alive.

This is the apostle Peter. He has gone up on the roof of the house to pray. The roof of the house is flat. It has a wall built up around it to keep persons from falling off. Peter is all alone on the roof of the house. Nobody can see him or hear him while he is there. He does not want anybody to hear him except God. Every day Peter prays to God. He asks God to forgive him for the wrong things he has done, and he asks God to make him do what is right.

And now Peter has gone up all alone on the top of the house, and

he is kneeling down and praying to God. And while he is praying he gets very hungry, but he has nothing to eat. Then all at once he sees a great many animals and birds in the air before him. It is just as if they were in a great sheet that is being let down from the sky. God has sent the animals and birds for Peter to see. In this way God will teach him something that he wants him to know. God speaks to Peter while he is praying and tells him what he wants him to do. Peter minds God.

This is the inside of a house. The man who lives there is named Cornelius. He is a soldier. His wife is sitting by him, and his little son

is there; and many of his friends are in the house with him. The man speaking to them is the apostle Peter. God has sent Peter to teach Cornelius and his friends about Jesus. And now Peter is telling them how God sent Jesus down from heaven. Yet the people nailed him to the cross and killed him. But God made him alive again, and the apostles saw him after he came to life. And now, Peter says, we shall all see Jesus at the Judgment-Day. Then if we have loved him and minded him, he will take us up to heaven to stay with him forever. When Peter had taught Cornelius and his friends about Jesus, Peter said they should be baptized. After that Peter stayed in the house of Cornelius for some days.

This is the prison. The men who have swords and spears in their hands are soldiers. They are sent here to watch at the doors, to see that no one comes out. But a man has just come out. An angel is with him. Who is this man? It is the apostle Peter. The wicked king, named Herod, shut Peter up in the prison and put chains on his hands. The next day this wicked king intended to kill him. But in the night God sent an angel into the prison, and a bright light shone there. And the angel touched Peter on his side and wakened him, and told him to rise

up quickly. Then the chains fell off of Peter's hands. And the angel told him to put on his coat and his shoes and follow him. And Peter followed the angel. When they came to the iron door of the prison, although it was fastened with great bolts and bars, it opened of its own accord and let them out into the street. But why did not the soldiers stop them? Because they were fast asleep, for God made them sleep so soundly that they could not hear. So Peter came out of the prison, and when he had gone a good way, where the soldiers could not find him, the angel left him. And Peter went to another place.

Paul is talking to the people, and they are all listening to him. See how quiet and attentive they are! He is telling them about the time when he saw a great light come down from the sky, and when he looked up and saw Jesus, and heard Jesus speaking to him. Once he did not love Jesus. He is very sorry for it now. But now he loves him and tells all the people to love him.

These men and women are standing around Paul. They look very sad. Some of them are crying. They are bidding Paul good-bye. He is going on the ship. Soon the ropes will be loosened and the ship will sail away, and they will not see Paul any more.

These people are in the temple. Paul is among them. They are all very angry with him. Men are putting chains on his hands. They will hold him fast and not let him go. They will take him to the king and ask the king to let them kill him.

They have brought Paul to the king. They tell the king that he is a wicked man, and that he ought to be killed for the bad things he has done. Paul is standing up before the king. The chains are on his hands. Paul is telling the king that the men tell lies about him, for he has not done wrong. The king is listening to what Paul says. He will not let the people kill him, yet he will not set Paul free. Paul must go, the king says, far away, in a ship, to the city called Rome.

A storm is on the sea. The wind makes these great waves. The ship is blown on the shore and is breaking to pieces. It is the ship that Paul is in. The sailors are thrown into the water. They must swim to the land or be drowned. Paul must swim too, or float on a broken piece of the ship to the shore. But God will take care of him and will not let him drown.

Paul has come to the city of Rome. He kneels down and thanks God for bringing him there safe. But the chains are on his hands; he is still a prisoner. This soldier who stands near is keeping guard over him, and will not let him go away. It is because he tells them about Jesus that the people are so cruel to him. But Paul does not mind the cruel things they do He is willing to bear them. He loves the people, though they do not love him. He wants them to mind God so that God may forgive them.

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